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Diary N.° 3

New Bedford

beginning Jan.° 8 1825
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Fourth Month Eighteen hundred twenty five

Sixth day the Eighth. Engaged all about home and at the Counting house. In the afternoon attended with the Committee for School District No 4 at the Schools of the District. afterwards went to the Academy yard to observe the progress of the Carpenters &c in fencing the same and removing the rocks &c Spent the Evening at home

1st day the 9th Spent the day & eve principally at the G. house — Our Landman Henry Morse who has lived with us for the last 10 months, left us this day with a view to improving his situation in regard to wages. Not having yet succeeded in getting another man in his Station, some of the concerns of our dom.c establishment go on with rather a cripples gait —

2nd day 10th Attended Meetings and Called at Grandfathers and Charles — walked to the Academy towards eve — and finished the day at home — Reading of the day principally Breckenridge's Sermons which are admirable both for the Style & matter. — Jno J. Russell Called in the eve.

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2d day 11th Occupied about home and the Office where[illegible] — The Sis ar. yesterday from Newyork — afternoon rode with the Children Mrs Chew & Sister O. — the first time that Ed. has been out since his late indisposition — met with the Bank Directors. — Called A M at grandfathers. — he appears better. —

3d day 12th Principally engaged at the Countinghouse to day evg. partly spent there also

[illegible] at home.

4th day 13th — Morning at home, forenoon with Capt. Clark of the Winslow who arrived yesterday evg — he has been very unwell on the voyage had paralytic stroke about 10 mos. since which disabled him for a long time & from which he has not yet recovered entirely — It is doubtful whether he ever enjoys health again. — The Ship is reported full in — cluding about 100 bls. black fish Oil. — afternoon & evg. at the Office —

Rebecca Richmond has gone to Mendhouse time at her brother Anthony's being unwell with a very sore throat. and unable to do any thing — in the family — M Brady who has been at home for several days in consequence a lame hand returned to day

5th. day 14th Engaged till meeting in domestic duties, attended meeting: had Capt: Clark of the Winslow & Capt. Coleman of the Russell to dine with us — part of the afternoon at the C.H. house; evg attending to my Cider, bottled yesterday & to day —

6th. day 15 Passed the day principally at the C.H. house — made after dinner with the Children & ma Chir & Sister Phebe — Eve. at home after making two fruitless attempts to Spend it abroad with my [redacted], have found Father & Andw's Family from home

7th. day 16th Engaged through the day with the Children at home (walking in the garden to give them the air) and at my Counting house business. Rode to the Academy to give directions, and drank tea with ma Chir & Sociably at Sister Anna's

have had Scipio in the Garden yesterday & to day putting it in form &c —

1st. day 17th Attended Meetings and Spent the rem[redacted] the day at home as well as the evg in reading &c — A large fire observed this evg supposed to be in the woods near Mattapoisett

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2d day 18th 4th month 1825 Principally occupied through the day & evg. at the Pg. house — Had a short visit[illegible] with Ann Chace & the Children
3d day 19th Engaged during most of the forenoon in trimming Shrubbery about the house afternoon at the Pg. house — evg. at home
4th day 20th — Spent the day at home and at the Pg. house — till about 4 Oclock when the Town was alarmed the discovery of fire in the garret of Wm. H. Allen's new fire proof brick building next to the Bank — The inflamation was not discovered till it burst through the roof door and Windows, although the Story immediately below was occupied as N. H. & Taylor's room and Jn. Bryons Printing Office. The cause of the combustion is not certainly assigned but no positive indication of it took the attention of a boy who was in the garret a short time previous, a smell of fire which was perceived was ascribed by him to burning of the Chimney in the course of the day. There were a large number of Sailors beds Stowed away. and the hay or straw of which they were made is a reason for the rapidity of the

fire. — The prompt and efficient manner used by the inhabitant & engine men soon arrested its progress and saved all except the roof floor & stair way of the garret. —

The goods from the shops & rooms below were early removed, and but little loss is supposed to be sustained other than in the derangement and injury incident to the confusion of the sudden removal. — Eve'g principally at home. —

5th day 21st Attended Meeting and Spent the remainder of the day principally at the Cg house, eve'g accompanied Ma Chere & to Father's. —

6th day Spent the at the store the afternoon attended the funeral of our neighbor Jo. W. Shweickers Child. the remn. of the afternoon & eve'g at the Cg house —

7th day 23d Engaged pretty steadily at the Cg house through the day eve'g. at home. Sister Anna & Andrew took tea with us. — Myself indisposed with a cold & sore throat —

1st day 24th Confined at home through the day with my cold. And. called in the eve'g.

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2 day. 25. Remained at home on account of my Cold, except a short time in the afternoon when I went out on business — Mother, Lydia Hathaway L. Swain & Green called. the three latter to see Ma chere H

3. day 26th Devoted part of the forenoon to reading and spent the rest of the day principally at the Cg. Room. — Cong. at home — Our little Ed. is afflicted with an aggravation of his tedious and dead disease.

4th day 27th Spent the forenoon principally at the Cg. house. Dined at Benj. Ni's & took tea with ma chere H & Sister Phebe — walked to the Academy to inspect the proceedings of the Carpenters

5th day 28th Attended meeting and business at the Cg. house Cong. at home

6th day 29. Engaged on the Stone mason of the day, Cong at home

7th day. Attended at the Cg. house & dined & took tea at C. M. Morgans — with a family party My Chair & was there only in the Cong.

1st day 5th mo 1 — Attended meetings, rode with Ma Chen & sister & the Children called ~~at~~ to see Aunt Rotch & Grandfather both convalescent but gain strength slowly W.J. at home. Ch. Bonal & E. Russell took tea accidentally with us — they left immediately after. the former designing to return to Fall River —

2d day 2d Spent most of the forenoon at the home, afterwards at the C.J. house &c most of the time till eve — latter part of eve Spent at home. —

3d day 3d Engaged about home and at the C.J. house &c — summoned to attend Probate Court to give testimony respecting the propriety of Brick Brownell's being released from his guardianship — W.J. at home —

4th day 4th Occupied in making the final disposition of my business at the C.J. house &c — expecting to leave tomorrow in the packet Ann. Capt. Jo. Allen for New York for a visit of a month or 6 weeks to the parents & relations of Ma Chen &.

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5th day 5th — Onboard the Pocket Ann Capt. Allen for Newyork. — The pressing engagements incident to leaving home for several weeks prevented my making any memorandum of the manner in which yesterday was passed — and it is now only necessary to observe that it was spent mostly at the Counting house — this morning at 9 Oclk we (that is myself & wife & sister Rebecca and the two Children and Harriet as Childs nurse, the health of Rebecca being deemed by herself & my H — inadequate to the increased duties of the Station when absent from home. An easterly rain Storm during the night & morning, with appearances of a Change of wind to the Southward were the state of the weather ~~as left the wharf~~ previous to our leaving the wharf. Soon after which the wind became Southwest and obliged us to sail in a Zig Zag Course and encounter the heavy swell left by the Storm of the preceding night — so that much Sea Sickness was occasioned to all of the passengers except three during the first 24 hours.

My necessary Confinement to the Cabin with

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the Children made me for the first time very decidedly that comfortless but transient disease — the little Children were both sick at intervals. —

6th. day 6th. A turbulent night with opposing wind and tide left the passengers in a languid and rather dispirited state, and we found ourselves but little advanced from the point attained the preceding week we passed the "Race" and entered the Sound about 9 Oclk AM — soon after which the wind came a little more in our favour and the smoothness consequent on the sheltered navigation of the Sound the moderate wind, did much towards renovating our manger Company and several of the invalids were on deck part of the day — the wind about almost to a Calm we made but little progress and night Clos upon us when about off Watch Hill light house the Children & others of my Charge except Sister Phebe quite or nearly free from sea sickness. —

4th day 7th — a Calm night allowed us comparatively undisturbed repose. and we found ourselves in the morning a little to the westward of New Haven. — a Showery morning seemed to warrant some forebodings of confinement to the Cabin — but it was succeeded by a day of uncommon beauty which allured all to onboard to enjoy its vernal freshness — and the distant views on either side of the quiet expanse of the sound. — so light was the wind that it scarcely sufficed to bring us to the western extremity of this little sea by eve — a short time previous to which a change to a South western direction brought from the Long Island shore the delightful fragrance of its blooming orchards which had previously had much of our attention drawn as they were in connexion with the deep green that covered the surface of the earth. — Continued light wind prevented the vessel making any considerable progress. and to secure the ground gained it was found necessary to cast anchor about

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10 Oclk. a short distance from Frogs Point

1st day 8 1/2 At an early hour Capt. Allen again put his men in motion and the vessel was under way with a light wind from the northward and a fair tide, which promised soon to bear us to the Commercial emporium —— The expectation of soon leaving our confined limits prompted our passengers to leave their births to be in readiness for landing — and the bustle of preparation occupied us till we reached the wharf about ½ past 6 — Our dear little Children have afforded much satisfaction during the passage and much more than compensated for all the trouble and Care which they occasioned. and we had the pleasure to notice a sensible improvement in the little boy, in point of strength as well as abatement of his Cutaneous disease. On landing I immediately went in search of a Carriage and we were all arranged for the last stage of our journey a little

before 7 — and after a very interesting ride of 8 miles through the variegated and interesting Scenes on the Western side of the Island we alighted at Father Prior's at Manhattanville and had the satisfaction to find them and our other relations in the Neighborhood pretty well. — Attended their little Meeting — and remained about our adopted temporary home the remainder of the day — J. Barrow & sister Betsey dined with us and Uncle J. Barrow's family called to see us —

2. day 9th Rode into the City with Bro. Jno. Barrow Jr called at Uncle Hazards and saw Fish & Grinnell & several of my Friends on Change & Came out again in the afternoon. —

3. day 10th — Passed the day in walking with the Children & in and about the house &. and till the middle of the afternoon when we with Father's family went to Bro. John's to tea and spent the Eve'g — from the effects of free exposure to the air in pleasant weather we

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hope much benefit to the Children especially to little Ed. who appears to improve daily. — Sister Betsey's health is better than we feared might be the Case from the accounts recived before leaving home — but her happy & Cheerful disposition makes her appear when not suffering under an aggraivated attack less indisposed than she really is. —

4th day 11th Rode this forenoon to Kings bridge about 5 miles above this place. — the Scenery bears a Considerable resemblance to that between this & the City — the land presents a varied & in many places a rough surface — with many rich and highly Cultivated Spots — a high & rocky ridge extends several miles on the left of the road on which is situated Fort Washington memorable from some of the events of the Revolutionary war — not having the knowledge of its situation I did not see it — Some fine Country Seats are observable

and the Marble & Lime Stone Quarries now not much worked & then principally for building Stone lie along the upside of the road in the Rocky ridge. — The flat land on which Harlan is situated has a very rich appearance from some of the eminences; from which the bridge at that place & Mc. Coombs bridge are also objects of view. Walked in the afternoon with Little Ed. — and in the eve'g, after tea went with ma there to Uncle John's —

5th day 12th — Attended meeting and afterwards went with our whole family to dine at Uncle John's — in the afternoon walked with Sister Eleanor Bro. John & Cousin Henry to enjoy the pleasant views in the neighbourhood. — from the line of ramparts & small forts erected during the late war. &c &c — Spent the rem.r of the day & eve'g — at Uncle's Jo's —

6th day 13th — Rode into town with Sister Eleanor in the stage — left her at Aunt Hannah Lawrence's. Called at Dr. Mott's — and spent

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the remainder of the day to in attention to business. dined at the Franklin House of Refreshment — & returned in the afternoon with Sister C. in the Stage — little Ed — rather unwell to day with a disordered Stomach —

4th day 14th Spent the in Town again went in the with Bro. John & returned in the Stage. dined at the F. House. —

1st day 15th Spent the day at home except attending meeting — little Mary somewhat disordered in her Stomach. so that it seemed improper to take the Children much in the air without doors — so that my H has Changed her plan of going into the City to-morrow —

2d day 16th went into Town again in the Stage — Called at Uncle Hazards — & at sundry places on business — and Spent much time at the Athenaeum looking over the papers — returned with Bro. Jn. — & Spent the evg. with him after tea at his house — little Mary has been a little feverish to day —

3d day 17th Raining day confining our family to the house — the Children are both better —

4th day 18th It was our intention to go to the City this day and take one or both of the Children to enable ma Chere, who has not been there since passing through it, on the morning of our arrival. — but unexpectedly I found my health such as to require my betaking myself to my bed instead of pursuing our plan. — Continued quite unwell and feverish with much pain in my head all day — dog. sat up a little and took some medicine. (Calvt Dem) 5th day 19th which occasioned a very unquiet night. symptoms this day indicated dissentary and Dr Smith of Harlam was called in, who prescribed for that disease — Dovers powders & C. Oil & Gel of Arrow Root — 6th day 20th Henry Barrow sat up with me last night. symp-

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continuing without much abatement I yielded to my Cheif His wishes and sent by the Stage a request for Dr. O. Mott to Call out — This it appeared in the Course of the day was an unnecessary measure as the disease was already checked. Dr. Mott ~~called~~ came out about Sunset — he approved of the treatment pursued by Dr Smith — (7th day 21) My father Prior sat up with me last night — which passed with me pretty comfortably. Symptoms of disease abating

1st day 22d My health slowly improving

2d. day 23d — Continue convalescent sat up a little while in the evening & found myself the better for it

3d. day 24th — Sat up through the day

but did not go below Stairs. Dr. Smith took his leave of me — I have formed a favorable opinion of his medical Skill and his great attention to me (having generally made 3 visits a day frequently with much inconvenience to himself) in conjunction with his gentle & conciliating Manners has left a very pleasing impression of his Character as a man.

Through the whole of my illness I have had the kindest & best attention from the several members of this family and frequent visits & tokens of interest from bro. Jn.° & Mell Burrow's families. — Isaac Collins & wife were here I think on 4th. day — their call was probably to Ma Chie H. who saw only the latter. I saw neither of them. — gentitude & the absence of excitement being considered very important to be observed & experienced. indeed the act of coughing to which I was but rarely & accidentally impelled. or laugh-

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ing, when considerably better, occasioned
a acute pain in the region ~~of the disease~~
principally affected by the disease.
I have taken a little animal food to day
and am directed to return with moderation
to my usual diet.

4th day 25th Below Stairs for the first
time since my attack of illness (this day
week) I find my strength very much
impaired so as to feel but little disposition to walk about much — In conformity with an invitation given by Sister Betsy & accepted by my ~~by~~ some time since to spend the time of the Yearly Meeting at their house, my health now permitting set Bro. Jn. took us round in the Dearborn before dinner where we are with the Children. The day has been very warm the warmest that we have this year experienced. Father & Mother Bro. & Sister Debe are in

Town whence they will not probably return till the close of the Ap. Mg.

5th day 26th — Bro. Jno. was in the City most of the day, as is his usual habit, in attending to business. — his little boy has a bad cold which confines his mother much to the nursery. — where my Chere Sr. stays much with her — so that I am much alone, but interestingly occupied in reading some of Scotts admirable Tales —, or engaged with the sweet little Children who will early furnish business for a couple of hands — little Ed. appears to gain some strength yet he is still very delicate.

Sister Betsey gave us a fine ride this afternoon through Harlaem & by which the elder part of the Comp.y — were refreshed & delighted with the beauties which Nature has lavishly spread in this neighborhood & at this vernal season. and the Children

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with the exercise & novelty which it furnished

6th day 27th. The Yearly meeting ended this forenoon, and Uncle Jn. spent most of the afternoon here — It was my wish & expectation to attend this session, having never before had an opportunity of being present at a similar meeting in this State. — but my sudden illness foreclosed the opportunity which I thought my present visit would supply. — It has been marked by some attempt at innovation from the hitherto uniform practice on such occasions, which indicate a large body who are disposed to enquire for other reasons than prescription for the usages & rules of the Society, and not to renounce their own understandings and sense of propriety in submission to the plenary wisdom & grace which has been practically accorded to our ancestors by the members of our persuasion. — The Meeting dispersed, after much debate &

a strenuous opposition to the measure, with the reading of the London general Epistle which it appears has usually been read at the first sitting — A proposition came up from two of the Quarterly Mtgs. to make the appointments of Elders & the members of the Mtg. for Sufferings annually or for a stated Period instead of for life — This was resisted with so much effect on the score as I understand principally that it was not expressed with sufficient distinctness, that it was returned to the particular Qy. Mtgs — The friends of the measure feel confident that the proposition will come up again next year & [illegible] unobjectible of the misinterpretation or objection which have recently been urged, and with the additional weight of other Quarterly Meetings. My wife's Aunt Sally Haydock

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with her daughter Hannah & Son Henry came out to spend the night — they as well as Mother & father Ore & Sister Phebe who also arrived in the afternoon & Sister Eleanor took tea with us and spent the eve.g It was very pleasant to meet these Friends from Cow Neck — the Scene of our former visit to my wifes Parents 4.th day 28.th at an early hour Ma. Shire & Self returned from Bro.r Johns to breakfast & have more of the Company of our C.N. friends — they left us about 9½ Oclk when our fam.y assumed the form of the regular establishment, Since our arrival in this Quarter devoted considerable time to the Children — Edmund is better & stronger but still delicate with something of the querulousness incident to ill health. —

1.st day 29 Attended Meeting and spent most of the day at home — Called at Uncle

John & J. Barrow Jr — — the families of both of whom took tea with us.
little Ed. continues to improve in strength
he took a few steps alone to day —
2. day 30th Rose early and set off in the
Stage about 7 O'clk. with ma chere H. &
little May. & Harriet for the City, got out
at Isaac Collins' whose wife had been
from Child hood a warm & intimate friend
of mine — we received a hearty welcome
from her & her husband — Circumstances
in her aunt Lawrence's family prevented
our going thither as would have been our
Choice had it been convenient for them to
receive us. — dined at Aunt Lawrence's
and took tea at our lodgings. —
3. day 31st. Dined at Robert Walker's and
took tea at Uncle Hazard's where we
met Cousin Samuel & his wife.
4th day 6 mo. 1 Spent an hour at the
Athenæum and then attended Monthly

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which was long and evinced some diversity of views several of the elders who have had much of the direction probably of the business of the meeting were opposed to the appointment of one friend proposed as an overseer by the Com.ee raised for that purpose at a previous meeting, and although excepting those friends about half of a dozen in number the approbation of the meeting was very fully and decidedly expressed in his favor, as a suitable man for the station the pertinacity shown by those in the opposition occasioned some sharp reflections to be made on both sides, indicating the want of that perfect self command and government of the feelings which would have been in unison with the Christian profession which the society has maintained. — No allegation touching the honest zeal and devotedness of the fr. objected to was made by his op-

ponents, and after much remark and a clear indication that 9/10ths of the meeting were for the appointment, it was entered on the records. The proceedings clearly had reference to the difference of views and sentiments now existing in a very marked degree in this City and this part of the Yearly Meeting concerning the doctrines held & promulgated by Elias Hicks — a small portion but those principally of the part of Society who have had a considerable share in the management of the Concerns of ~~the Society~~ consider him as unsound in faith and doctrine, though the purity of his practice none presumes to impeach, while many of that Class and almost all of the younger part of Friends have full unity with him. — The Opposition in the Case above mentioned on this ground struck me as very ill & advised & impolitic

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as it directly tends to prostrate their influence and to create a breach that appears to portend a Schism and dismemberment of the Society. — Dined at our lodgings where we met Aunt Sarah Prior & Sister Ellen who came into town this morning. — by her we had the unpleasant Intelligence that little Edmund had been quite ill since the day that we left him so as to require medical advice. — This information caused an immediate conclusion to leave the City this afternoon, we took the Stage and reached home about 8 O.Clk. — We found Ed. more unwell than we expected so as to excite some anxiety, as to the event considering the very delicate State of his general health. — The kind attentions which we have received from J. Collins and his amiable wife and cheerful little Children excites the

wish and hope that we shall we may have an opportunity of testifying by a reciprocation similar attentions at New Bedford our estimate of them.—

5th. day 6th M. 2. Spent the day in and about the house, little Ed. Continues feverish though less so than for a few days past — his mouth very sore & the glands under the jaws swelled so that he swallows with difficulty & cries with apparent pain and with a hoarse sound Dr. Smith was here, — he considers it an affection originating in the irritation of his gums occasioned by the incipient growth of his eye teeth one of which begins to be visible.

6th. day 3. Engaged much as in the preceding day on and about home

7th. day 4th. A very rainy day confined by the weather mostly within doors. Ed. considerably better

1st. day 5th. The weather continuing to be

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very rainy accompanied by a very
fresh wind from the North East prevented
any attending meeting as well as
all of the family father's health being
inadequate to the exposure in consequence
of a cold. Donald M$^{c}$Lane an old
man originally from the highlands of
Scotland now a member of Society and
employed in Amb$^{le}$ J. Barrows Woollen
Manufactory spent the afternoon
with us. he is an interesting man
though without the advantages of edu-
cation. modest and retiring he indica-
ted much sensibility with some remains
of the enthusiasm which used to Charac-
terize his Countrymen when giving us
on instigation some of account of the
highlands former Manners & history of the High-
landers. — he expresses his opinion decid-
edly in favor of the genuineness of the
Ossian's Poems, with some of which

in the original Gaelic were familiar to his ear in his youth.

2d day 6th The weather clear & very warm I was engaged most of the day with the Children walking with them in the shade &c — Ed. & I being well enough to take the air again. I and my ~~H~~ took tea at Johns and I went partly through their mem. with him. — most of the work is done by the job viz. 2½ cts for spinning on bobbins P. lb about the same for Carding & slubbing 6@8 for weaving Satinetts to which article they give their attention almost wholly make about 1400 yds. P. week. their Steam Engine Consumes about 1⅓ Cords of wood P. day estimated as a 10 horse power work under a pressure of about 8 inches Mercury. — Steam more expensive than a water power but the difference in their case compensated by the

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proximity of the situation to the market both for the raw material and the manufactured articles.

3d. day 7th. — Occupied much of the day with the Children, walked considerably with Edmund, called at Uncle Johns & Br. Jn°s engaged otherwise read J. Rob Roy

4th. 8th. Morning spent much as of late. dined at Uncle Johns with my wife's aunt Hannah Lawrence and her daughter Mary Tolwell & Hannah. Mt. had her little boy with her. She lost an infant daughter about 6 weeks since which affliction in conjunction with a bad cough and debility has made an inroad on her health which gives her friends considerable anxiety. The little Children kept me on my feet most of the afternoon in their restless Curiosity to see the animals about the Lawn and the Chickens &c &c. — Weather 86°. Fair.

5th day 9th Went into town with bro. John Spent the time at the Athen.m & with my mercantile Friends. writing &c — made an unsuccessful Call on Esther Seymour — returned of in the afternoon through Harlaem and walked to this place, where I found aunt Hannah & Cousins nearly about taking an early Coach to return to their lodgings N. Folwell not feeling quite so well as yesterday. Sister Phebe being in town I left my bag in Jno. Gs to be occupied by her. but she remained in the City —

6th day 10th The weather has been so warm to day as to discourage unnecessary exertion Mercury at 88° dined at Sister Betseys Jnr. being in the City.

7th day 11th Remained all day at home the weather being so oppressively warm

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that I omitted on that account going to the City. Ther. 91° in a chare & little Mary much oppressed with the heat. This Climate differs from our own, in the slight depression of temperature which takes place during the nights, so that they have been of late very uncomfortable.

1st day 12th. Attending Meeting where were the friends from New Bedford Ruth Davis & Deborah Otis with their companion Abial Akin — they called here in the afternoon. Saw William Robinson at Meeting. his appearance indicates the infirmity of age, he informed me that his health was by no means good. Weather yet very warm. Mercury at 90°

2d. day 13 Went into the City with John Barrow Jr — Spent the forenoon at Mr. Seymours with Esther and her sister brothers wife Jane Ann. it is

eight years since I have seen the latter, at Mrs house at Newburg beautifully situated a few miles above the highlands on the bank of this noble river, — the Hudson, they ~~have~~ removed to the City the past Spring. The Seymour family have met with much adversity in regard to property, and the melancholy death of their brother Drake who was their elder and darling brother, and the admiration of his numerous friends, made Newburgh no longer a desirable place of residence. and all of them have now left it, and ~~most~~ all excepting who resides now at Huntingdon are in the City. — Jane Ann has the same sweet and amiable expression of Countenance which won both hearts & eyes when she was a young mother, the little boy they then had did not long survive the visit which Smith Cowden & Mary

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R. Rotch & Sister Sarah on our return from the Springs of Ballston & Saratoga in Summer of 1817. — They have since lost another Child & now have four boys; the afflictions alluded to have given a cast of religious seriousness to her mind and she & her husband (whom I did not see) have joined the Presbyterian Church. She was very frank and unreserved in Conversation. which was mostly in accordance with the cast of mind alluded to. Though a difference of views led to some discussion there was mixed on her part nothing of the uncharitableness which is frequently associated with Calvinistic tenets. Esther maintains her adherence to the Orthodox, or Trinitarian Quakerism and is much distressed at the departure from such sentiments which prevails so extensively in this yearly

meeting and is ascribed to the preaching of Elias Hicks. — She did not accept Sister Sarah's ~~invitation~~ with which I was commissioned, ~~tho~~ to make a visit at New Bedford this Summer but thought that she might do it next Autumn. ——— Dined at the Franklin Coffee House on my way to the exchange and passed the afternoon at Fosdick Grinnell's Cy. Room and Price & Jennings Shop — at the latter place I wrote to my father requesting him to take measures to have a Carriage at the Stone Bridge at Tiverton on first day next to take us home, designing to leave New York in the Steam Boat on 7th day next. Returned to this home after sunset, the weather having been very warm though the day though much less uncomfortable than for the last 4 or 5 days on acct. of a fine North Westerly breeze

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3d. day 14th. Spent the day at home. Isaac & Margaret Collins were here in the afternoon & stayed till near Sunset. They took their little Frederick with them.—

4th. day 15th. Occupied part of the forenoon etc in packing our clothes partly in preparation for leaving for home on 7th. day next, the remainder of the day was spent by most of the family at Uncle John's till after tea when. John took me then Dr. Sister Phebe & self to make a Call at their Cousin Joseph Bird's his son Richard & daughter Ann have been quite ill with Remittent Fevers but are now both better.— The School which Ann is teacher consists of 10 little girls who all board in the family.— She is a sweet spirited girl and young minds under her care & are

I should suppose favorably situated to receive a bias towards gentleness and virtue

5th day 16th New York. S. Robbins' 277 Pearl

Came from Mans. this morning in the Stage with Harriet — found at Fish & Grinnells a letter from Bro. Benj. stating that it would be an accommodation to his Sister in law Eliza Drinker to have our company from here to New Bedford where she wishes to make a visit to her bro. Sisters families & friends.

This information induced me to change the plan for our return by delaying it till this day week when a choice may probably be had between the Packet Ann & Steam boat Connecticut. — Accordingly I wrote to New Bedford giving this information and also to Thomas Morgan Philadelphia — dined at the Franklin house and spent the afternoon at the Athenæum Reading Rooms — took tea and engaged lodging at Harriet Robbins — visited the

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Castle Garden in the evg. — This is a very fashionable resort & promenade in the evening — the walk on the circular walls of the Castle which is situated in the Sea & connects with the Battery by a wooden bridge, must be cool after the hottest days — I found it too cool to be comfortable at rest, although the day had been to me oppressively warm. — the seats, open galleries below, & the open area in the center of the garden was shielded from the breezes which were felt to sensibly on the rampart, but this was not the case with the boxes under the galleries, were comfortably cool; the embrasures designed for Cannon, serving now the harmless purpose of admitting light and air. — The whole was brilliantly lighted with Gas — and Music together with all the usual and appropriate refreshments added to the attractions of the place — I should suppose that the number of visitors this evg. could be less little if any less than One thousand. Perfect propriety & decorum was observed

although the crowded state of the upper walk, made it necessary to attend to the convenience of others while, one consulted his own.

6th. day 17th. Manhattanville. Rose early this morning in the City and attended to some business among the Shops in the Cool of the morning — after breakfast visited the Academy of arts. which at the present time is enriched by the loan of a great number of pictures & portraits belonging to individuals to increase its attractions at the present season of exhibition. — made several attempts at Calls in Broome St. &c. — but only saw Aunt Hannah Lawrence family. — Then repaired to the Exchange & to Fish & Grinnells Cg house — Dined at Joseph Grinnells. and went with him to see the Gas works and afterwards to the examination of the Free School near the City Hall. at which were present with a number of the trustees & others interested individuals, the members of the Senate &

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State Now sitting in the City as a Court of errors. — Returned to this place with Uncle J. Barrow & his daughter Abby in their Carriage, which we reached about Sunset. — Cousin E Barker Calls on me this 7th day 18th Passed the day principally at and about home took tea with me Chin Hee at Sister Betsey's —

1st day 19th Attended Meeting and Spent the day at & about home a little Many rather Complaining

2d day 20th Spent the day in Town took Sister Phebe in — Rec'd letters from home by the Ann relating to business which took my attention Almost Exclusively dined at the Franklin House. returned about Sunset

3d day 21st This day has been Spent in Town actively engaged most of the time relating to business went & Cl. in the Hope ma Phebe th. also passed the day in Town at her Aunt Lawrences having gone in P.M. with Bro. John — My engagements in the lower part of the City prevented me

from seeing her — the Children seem now to be pretty well — the Ann by which vessel we expect to return home will not sail till 6th day Ms. which is one day more than was expected — My business prevents me from regretting this delay —

4th day 22. Occupied in Town, through the day having gone in, in the State part Cousin Eliza Drinker with her daughter Ann & Sarah Griffitts on the arrival of the Steamboat Thistle from Ph.a & Wm Fisher Son of Redwood their attendant — went with them (except J. L. G. who went home with Joshua Clibborn) to Harriet Rob — bins, — and rode out in a gig late in the Ms.

5th day 23d. Spent part of the morning in packing Clothing &c for the journey homeward. then rode with Ma chere Ho. to call on Cousin Eliza Barker at Bloomingdale, where Cousin Jacobs

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family now is at their Country Seat — We made a pleasant Call on Cousin Eliza, the others of the family being in Town — Their situation has most rural & comfortable appearance, except that the house looks too small for his numerous family he did not build it with a view to his own occupancy — glimpses of the river were had through the trees & shrubs of the Garden which sloped towards the shore. — after taking my wife back to Manhattanville I went into the City to finish my business preparatory to our final departure for home to-morrow. — Called at several places but spent most of the afternoon in writing at Prior & Cummings book store. rode out tea with Bro: John by the way of Harlem

to see Dr. Smith to whom I was indebted for medical attendance. After considerable detention he returned to his home from a visit as a neighbor & I accomplished my business with him. — reached home at a late hour.

6th day 24th (City) made final preparation for going into the City with our heavy baggage in the Stage, my wife & children & such of her family as could leave home to follow in Uncle John's Carriage, although the weather was not fair. — reached with all of the family except her mother & bro. Edmund (who is sick with intermittent fever) alighted at Harriet Robbins at one 20' clock — the unpleasant prospect for sailing having occasioned this delay in setting out. And I regret that they

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Came at all at the packet will not leave to day — Called with Mr. H. & the Children at Uncle Hazards, drank tea at Henry Townsends and spent part of the evening at his mothers. H. H. walked round the Battery & Castle Garden with E. Drinker & Lloyd Gibbs Jr. 25 City. — The wind continuing to blow from the Eastward we have been detained another day. — Attended to some minor objects and took tea and spent the Evening at Robert Walkers.

1st day 26th ~~The Sloop~~ Onboard Sloop Sun in Long Island Sound. — The wind being fair to day to begin our passage, put were under way about a quarter before 11 O.Clk. A.M. against the last of the ebb tide, and reached the Gate at Hackensack with a brisk breeze at West 3 P.M. — Our fellow passengers are Eliza Drinker & daughter & Sarah Gibbs. Jn.o Howland Jr. & wife Mrs. Betsy Howland & her daughter in Law Andw. Hoathaway & wife, George Howland & Henry Huttleston. J. Hoathaway & B. Hathaway Sister Phebe returns with us. — All

of whom are clever people and most of them of my acquaintance or persons whom I have pretty well Knowledge Character

we are now (10 O'Clock) nearly off New-Haven — the passage thus far having been pleasant — a little incommoded by the Sun — before sailing this forenoon we had Calls from Br. Jn.° & Sister Betsey from St. ville Bro.° & Mary Walker & Henry Haydock, also Esther Seymour — for my wife with a Call, though she had never seen her and the walk from her residence is quite of great length. — and she made an ineffectual attempt by Calling at our lodgings yesterday — She is an interesting young woman and I believe they were mutually pleased with the interview, leaving the wish for future intercourse. — with Sister Ellen who [illegible] came into town with us, we also parted

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2d day 27 Onboard Sloop Ann at the mouth of Buzzards bay — The wind was light through the night, so that we found ourselves but a little to the eastward of Longbrook at Sunrise, — a moderate & pleasant breeze arising about 10 o.clk A.M. brought us to within ten miles of this place about Sunset, when it died away, almost entirely, which prevents our reaching New Bedford that way — The smell of the Ocean, though quite moderate, made most of the ladies, and some of the men sick. Sister P. was very sick, so as to make me seriously doubt the propriety of her undertaking a similar voyage in a vessel propelled by wind only —

3d. day 28th. **New-Bedford**. At an early hour this morning we were made aware of the approach of our good Sloop to the Wharf of her destination, and at Sunrise I landed to get a Conveyance for the several ladies the under my care

Thus has terminated favorably our voyage & visit to my wife's relations and amid the vicissitudes and uncertainties with which life is Checkered and attended, this is cause of gratitude & thankfulness — we have the further occasion for grateful hearts, in the general health & prosperity which our relations & friends here are found in the enjoyment of.

May our sensibility to the benefits with which we are blessed be such as is becoming in beings who are entirely dependent on the Goodness & power of a beneficent Creator. — Called on the branches of our immediate family and on Grandfather & Uncle William Rotch Jr. Mother & Bro.r Charles Called upon us. — also Sister Eliza & Andrew in the evening 4.th day 29. Called at Benj.a W.m Andr.ews & Cousin Anna Rotch's & Father's and spent the rest of the day join.g at the 8 o'clock

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5th. day 30th. Attended meeting and passed the remainder of the day in attending to business, met some of the Directors of the Bank on a special occasion at the Banking house — Supped at Sister Anna's on Strawberries & raspberries — Sister Phebe was also there — ma Chere H. not quite well and wd. otherwise have been detained at home by the Children who are a little indisposed.

6th. day 31st. wd. Spent the day at the Counting house &c. eve'g at home. —

7th. Occupied through the day & Spent the eve'g. at the Off. House. — Sent. Spent at Anna's when Sister Phebe took tea after returning from Fall River where she went with And. Lydia Bennet of Nant. & Lydia Macy

9th. day 3d. — Attended Meeting. Huldah Hoag & James Hazard present, the latter only in the afternoon. Called at

grandfather's and Charles — Rec'd a call from Sister Anna & Lydia Barney and Andw — also from Lydia Greene Mary Smith & Thos in the evg — attended the latter on their way to Call on Andws when were E. Dunton and Foster Lawrence with Sisters Sarah & Susan &c

2d day 4th Spent the day at the Cg. House, evg at home — The anniversary was noticed by several of the volunteer Militia Compys — and by the usual portion of idleness folly & intemperance — a young man in Smithaven had his hand badly injured by in firing a Cannon,

3d. day 5th Engaged at the Cg. house through the day, evg at Sister Annas with most Chers & Sister P. & father & mother at an or feast of Strawberries & raspberries, with which their garden has supplied them in great abundance, — Sister Eliza spent the forepart of the evg with us —

7 mo. 1825

4th. day 6th. Engaged at the C.H. house through the day except riding with Rebecca and the Children in the afternoon — took tea and spent the ev'g. at Father's — Ma chose to did not accompany me. little Mary being rather unwell & feverish

5th. day 7th. Attended Meeting and devoted the remainder of the day to Court House duties. — late in the ev'g. called at Mrs. Williams where Ma chose & Sister made an earlier visit. —

6th. day 8th. Engaged at the C.H. house — wharf &c — began to fit the Window Ch.s Benj.a & Andw.s party set off on their journey to Fall River &c. — rode with Sister Phebe, Rebecca & the Children to Clarke's Point — got in 2 loads hay

7th. day 9th. Occupied busily at the wharf & the C.H. house — ev'g. at home. little Mary continuing to be much troubled with Diarrhea called Dr. Read to see her this evening

1st. day 10th. Attended meeting & remained in the afternoon by the great heat of the weather and the extra attention which the Children required. — Rode with them this afternoon — little Mary very considerably unwell — & Read calling another Sister Anna & Andrew unwell this evg — Called at Sister Sarahs — after this —

2d. day 11th. Devoted the day to Cg. home employments — evg. at home this day has been warmer than any which we have had before. this Morn little Mary seems to be a little better Mercury at 90° about 3 O'Clk

3d. day 12th. Occupied at the Counting house through the day, evg. in riding in quest of Mowers & hay makers. till late when I went to Andrews to accompany Sister Phebe Evans who took tea there.

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4th. day 13 Engaged in my usual occupations. had a call from E Leeds of Salem with a letter from Uncle Dean. — Evg. at home; Cousin Eliza Robbs Spent it with us

5th. day 14th. Spent the day at the C.J. house was detained from meeting by business with a person from a distance. took tea with me Chen & Sister at Sister Sarah's — got in 2 loads of hay

6th. day 15th. Spent the Morning & forenoon at the Counting house. afternoon at the Academy where was an examination of the Scholars — who did not generally show satisfactory improvement — Evg. met with the Society for Savings at our C.J. Room

7th. day 16th. Engaged most of the day at the C.J. house — had the company of Aunt Mary & Cousin Eliza Robbs Eliza Drinker & Sarah Griffitts. Sh. & Sarah Sister Anna & Eliza Benj.a & Susan to tea — got in 1 load of hay

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Attended meetings (7m: 17th 1st day)
in the forenoon Hull Barton was there
and preached at considerable length
— called at father's after mg. Eliz.
& J. at home — Andrew called
2d day 18th Engaged at the Counting
room & through the day & J. at home
Eliza Brinker passed the latter with
us — got in 2 loads 1¼ Tons hay
3d day 19th Occupied through the day at
the C. House & Evg. attended an ad-
journed meeting of the Society for Savings
at my C. Room. Called afterward at
Sister Anna's to attend ma Chir home
— got in 3 loads of hay 1½ Tons
4th day 20th Engaged by my C. House en-
quiries through the day. & J. at home
rode with ma Chir & to make a call at
Sister Sarah's late in the afternoon.
The weather very warm, Thermom: 88½.
got in 2 loads of hay being the last of
my crop

5th day 21st 7mo 1825 Attended meeting and spent the rem: of the day at the Counting house, except going under a warrant from the Judge of Probate to appraise the property of J. D. Stall a non Compos with Wm Tallman & S Nelson. Evg. met with the Trustees of the Institution for Savings at my C.H. house, Sarah Griffith took tea with us and spent the evg.

6th day 22d. Engaged at the C.H. house through the day — evg. at home, had a Call from Latham Mitchell who arr to day in the Sch Emigrant Capt Jo Howland from Mobile — he expects to leave for New York to morrow —

7th day 23d. Occupied with my C.H. duties most of the day — met in the afternoon with others of a Committee of the Institution for Savings the weather continues extremely warm though more tempered to day by the sea breeze than for several days past.

1st day 24th Attended meetings, and spent most of the day at home in reading and in affording attention to the little Children whose budding intellects and improving powers furnish ample subject of interest to parental affection. Sarah Griffiths called after Meeting & Capt. Ed. Gardner came home with me to tea in the afternoon

Sister Phebe confined mostly to her room with a bad Cold —

2d day 25th Engaged at the Cg. Room & through the day Evg. attended a meeting of the trustees of the New Bedford Institution for Savings, at my Cg. Room — Sister Phebe's Cold very oppressive

3d day 26th Occupied at the Cg Room & through the day — Spent the Evg also there, writing in relation to the Institution for Savings. Ma Chere H not been very well to day. Sister P is cold still Severe

4th day 27 Spent the day at the Cg. house Evg. at home

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5th day 28th Attended Meeting for Worship and rode into Dartmouth in business afternoon, rem: of the day at the C.J. house W.J. walked up to Sister Sarah's with ma Chere H — otherwise Spring is mad at home

6th day 29 Engaged in Counting house duties through the day. took tea at Fathers. with ma Chere H. whose were E. Drinker & S. Griffitts. & B & Susan And: & Anna & Cousin Anna Rotch —

7th day 30th Occupied assiduously by business relating to the Winslow. rode out to Dartmouth before breakfast & again in another direction after for a boat Stern — drank tea with ma Chere H at Benjamins. —

1st day 31st. Attended Meetings. rode afterward with Sister Phebe and called at Sarahs. S. Griffitts took tea with us —

2d day 8th mo 1 Engaged at the C.J. house & through the day. W.J. at Sister Anna's where were ma chere H & sister and the family &c

3. day 8m 2. Engaged through the day in business relating to the final arrangements & clearance of Ship Winslow for her voyage to the Pacific. Evg Spent in relation to the same object — called at Benjamin's. —

4th day 3d Rose early with a view of dispatching the Winslow at an early hour, but found that two of our men belonging to Warren had not got in Town, waited till about 10 Clk when I left off in hope of meeting them on the road from town — but in this I was disappointed and pursued their Course nearly to Warren when I met one of them who informed me that the other had been stopped by an Officer on the ground that ~~X~~ he had stopped previously to a Ship in that port — therefore after going to W. to visit the intelligence I hastened home and arrived about ½ past 8 Clk — Subsequently went with Capt Chase & J. Wood to endeavour to replace the Man detained — Evg. a decision believed till early to morrow Morning

8th mo. 1825

5th day 4th succeeded in getting the Minstrow to sea this forenoon with a full complement of men — attended Meeting, rode with Ma Chew to a short distance, and spent some time at the Q. Room, Drank tea with Ma Chew & Sister P. at Gattons where we met Sister Anna, which comprising all the Children now in Town

Sister Eliza having set off this afternoon to join Benj.a with E. Drinker & L. Griffitts onboard the Steam boat for New York en Newport. Andrew took her in his gig — Boe left here yesterday —

6th day 5th Engaged at the Q. house through the day wd. at home —

7th day 6th Occupied through the day at the Q. house, took tea & spent the Evg. at Andrews where were my parents & our venerable Grandfather Ma Chew &, also was there, Sister P. detained by her Cold —

1st day 7th Attended meeting in the fore-
noon. after went out to Rochester. in Com-
pany with Cousin Eliza Rotch, Andrew &
Anna soon followed us — the occasion of our
visit was the illness of Sister Lydia's little boy
— we found him no better, and extremely
ill — & that little hope is entertained of
his recovery — Sister Anna remained
behind and Cousin E returned with Andw
Dr. Read is to go out to-morrow. —
2. day 8th Engaged at the Cg house through
the day & evg. — the accounts from little
Geo. are quite discouraging Mother & Sister
Anna are there. Dr Read was out this fore-
noon — & had a Call from
a Gentleman from on business of
the African Colonization Society. — his ob-
ject is to excite an interest in the objects of
that Association and obtain funds to pro-
mote the Same. —
3d day 9th Engaged through the day at
the Cg house & at home evg. at home. Called
after tea with Mrs Chase & to see Sister

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Anna, who came in this afternoon from Rochester, she left the little child alive but not any better, and no brightening of the prospect in relation to him appears. —
Aunt Mary & Cousin Eliza Roteh went out to day; mother remains there. —
The Ship Charles Joy arr. from New York 4th. day 10th. Engaged in the forenoon principally in attending Tho. Pope Surveyor in his Survey of a Piece of land Westward of my Grass Lot, which I have contracted with, Abby Kempton & Pamela Cook through the agency of David Kempton, to buy at the Rate of 85 dollars P. Acre, Afternoon engaged at home & at the Q. House. Capt. Joy & his wife dined with us in Q. at the Q. House. Mother returned this eve. from Rochester. She left the little boy living but not any better. Sister Anna went out to remain to night. 5th. day 11 Except the hours of meeting the day & eve. and eve. has been spent at the Counting House Wharf &c. Father & mother

went out to Rochester to day. the former returned bringing an account of the Continuance of the Child without much alteration and no sensible improvement.

6th day 12th Spent the day in attending to business at the Cg House &c. wife at home bro. Benj. Called. he returned to day from New York via Newport with his family from the latter place

7th day 13th Engaged through the day at the Counting &c wife also partly passed there Mother returned this wife from Sister Laydia's the little boy Continued without any improvement. and all hope is abandoned of his recovery. It will be a very severe trial to Sister L.

1st day 14th Attended Meetings. and Called at Fathers & Cousin Jos.s wife Called at Andrews who returned from Rochester. Mother & Sister Susan went out with him. the former remained at his Aunt Mary's & Sister Anna who were there last night. the Child was thought to be very near its end & in very severe Pain

8 m°. 1825

Storm last night, was experienced in the neighborhood; a barn about a mile above the village of Newtown belonging to Nye was struck by the lightning & consumed with its Contents, about 15 tons hay. the house in Main Street owned by Isaac Bowland was also struck & slightly injured, a hay Stack of Jn°. N. Parkers on the road to Smith's Mills was also struck but not set on fire. — the rain was heavy & copious

2. day 15th. Engaged through the day at the Ch. house & attended between 12 & 1 C & K the opening of the Institution for Savings as one of the board of Investment. — Met with the other members of the board at my Ch. house to consider of by laws for the regulation of the members in the discharge of their duties. — Detained from home rather late to guard against the Consequences of the loss of my Ch. Room Key which was taken from my door in the course of the eve.

3. day 16th Spent the forenoon at the Ch. house & in measures for the security of

my Store, which were rendered necessary by the circumstance mentd. yesterday, on 12. attended a mg. of the C. of investment of the Institution for Savings — afternoon went out with Sister Phebe to Rochester to be present on the last melancholy offices of affection towards the deceased little Geo Wm. he was interred in his Fathers ground near the house, attended, in consequence of the omission of the usual manner which might have brought a large concourse, by the nearest relations & most particular friends of the family. — Sister Lydia feels keenly the wound which an event like this, inflicts in a mothers bosom — took tea there and returned about ½ past 8. O'Clk

4th day 17th Engaged most of the day at the C/house, C.J. or home except an hour or 2 when with ma Chiswell

5th day 18th Attended meeting and spent the remainder of the day at the C/house. this Mg. was disturbed by means taken to prevent the attendance of Hull Barton, who had announced his intention of attending the meeting —

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a proceeding which I consider as highly improper, and totally opposed to the spirit of forbearance meekness & brotherly love which the Society has made so great profession of being governed by ——— wd. at home except calling with Ma. there a few minutes at Andrews, when Lydia Macy is left alone. Andrew & Anna having left home ~~too~~ spent some time at Fall River taking little Martha with them.

6th. day 19th. Spent the day at my business at the Cf. house. had the Company of grandfather at tea also that of father & mother ——

7th. day 20th. Engaged through the day at the Cf. house ~~&c~~ wd. at home. our little Mary has seemed rather unwell to day.

1st. day 21. Attended Meetings. & called at Jathers— the remainder of the day spent home.

2d. day 22. Occupied at the Cf. house and in reference to the Institution for

Savings. attended at the Office during the business hour. to[day] at home. Mother went out to Rochester & returned this ev[g] She found & left Sister Lydia as well and as composed as could reasonably be expected after her affliction. Aunt Mary returned to town having been out a week or more — Cousin E Rotch remains there —

3[d] day 23[d] Engaged generally through the day in my ordinary business. attended the Mtg of the board of investment of the institution for savings. took tea at fathers where were a small family Comp[y] with the addition of our venerable Grandfather. ma chere H did not go —

4[th] day 24[th] Passed the day as the 2[d] have ev[g] principally at home

5[th] day 25 attended meeting, and passed the rem[r] of the day at the C[y] home, ev[g] at home except a short call with ma chere at fathers. and to attend Sister S. from And[r] where she was making S. Mary a visit —

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8 mo. 26 Spent the day at the C.J. house about 8 O'Clk this evg. the Town was alarmed with the cry of fire. which proved to be in my uncle Gazzards premises occupied by Orville Dewy pastor of the 1st Congregational Society. it appeared to have originated in the Stable and extended to the porch of the main building to which it was united by two buildings a shed & a wood house the latter 2 stories & large on the ground.— The fire had attained to a very considerable height before it was discovered and but for its proximity to the river, the whole range of buildings would have been destroyed.— The furniture was all saved. which with the family are at my fathers. It was got under about ½ past 10.—

4th day 27 Engaged through the day at the C.J. house.— I was incorrect in stating yesterday that the fire last evg

originated in the Stable. it first took place in the Wood house a 2 Story building joining the porch or kichen of the main house, the first floor of which was used for wood &c. —
the fire took place it is supposed in the part where the ashes were habitually deposited and some of which owing to the carelessness or thoughtlessness of a new servant were placed there before the fire was extinct. —
The family have returned to their home to day with their movables —
1st day 28th Attended Meeting &c. and after dinner went with Sister Phebe out to Rochester to see Sister Lydia. where we found Mother & Hannah Macy who — & Sister L seems quite composed. and her sorrow wears that quiet form which is not very obvious to transient observation, yet she feels silently but deeply the loss of her darling little boy. — Cousin Eliza Rotch is still there and does much to mitigate the melancholy of Sister's reflections. — We returned about ½ past 8 — Mother having exchanged her seat for one in my Gig — with S.

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2d. day 29th Engaged through the day at the Cg house, evg. spent as then also. remd at L. Mary's and at home

3d. day 30th Engaged through the day principally at the Cg house, rode a short distance with my wife, attended at the Office of the Institution for Savings and took tea & spent the evg. at Uncle Wms

4th day 31st Spent the day at the Cg House & part of the evg. also. remd at home except calling at Andrews to attend Sister Phebe home

5th day 9th mo 1 Engaged at the Cg house and about the Ship Charles took tea with Sister Phebe at James Arnolds where was was a small company.

6th day 2d Occupied through the day and most of the evg at the Cg house and about the Wharves

7th day Spend the day & evg. much as Yesterday — Rebecca & Harriet left us to make a visit of a few days at Newport Benny took them in our Dearborn to the bridge —

1st. day 9th. mo. 4th. Attended Meeting in the forenoon. afternoon Staid at home on acct of the absence of Our two Girls and mr chace Made a halt. wf. Called at Fathers.

2d. day 5th. Engaged through the day in relation to the outfit of Ship Charles — wf. partly at the Cf. home rest at home —

3d. day 6th. Occupied through the day at the Cf Room & in relation to the Charles Rebecca & Harriet returned with Henry this eve — he left home early this morning & went to Newport —

4th. day 7th. Occupied as on the 2 preceding days.

5th. day 8th. Passed the day as previously this week did not attend Meeting

6th. day 9th. Occupied through the day by business relating to the Charles, wf. at the Cf room —

7th. day 10 Engaged to day in relation to the the Charles & Hesper wf. at home

1st. day 11th. Attended meetings called at Fathers with Mr chace Hs in the wf. & walked with Sister P. after wf — & with Mr chace after tea

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2d. day 12th. Engaged in business relating to the Charles &c. at home. Had a false alarm of fire, called at Fathers & Andrews where my Sister Phebe took tea.

3d. day 13 Occupied as of late through the day &c. at home.

4th day 14 Engaged in relation to the outfit of the Charles; &c. at home.

5th day 15 Occupied in relation to the Ch. &c. at home except calling at Fathers

6th day 16 Engaged through the day &c. in relation to the Outfit of the Charles

7th day 17 Occupied in relation to the Charles &c. at home. Rode into Dartmouth before breakfast

1st day 18 Took a walk before breakfast attended meetings &c. at home Sally Hammond took tea with us. H. Mary & Anna & Andw & J. S. Rawle called in the course of the &c.

2d. day 19th Assiduously occupied through the [illegible] day in fitting the Charles to go off in the Stream to morrow

3d day 20th. This day like several preceding has been devoted to the Outfit of the Ch. P. O. E. J. mostly at home —

4th day 21st Engaged in Completing the Outfit of the Charles —

5th day 22d. Occupied through the day in incidental business relating to the Charles the wind being unfavorable for proceeding to Sea.

6th day 23d. Engaged incidentally about the Store Rooms — Dined at Fathers when Jas. Wm. Baker & wife his parents & bro. & wife drank tea at Benj.n when were most of the party at dinner —

7th day 24th Forenoon Spent partly in getting off the Charles. She sailed about 2 Oclk. and had a fine run off. pilot got back about 8. — afternoon ~~went to~~ at the C. J. Room, ~~except~~ an hr. an hour at the Observatory. E. J. at home Sister Anna drank tea with us. and Andrew came late in the eve. —

6th mo: 1825

1st day 25th Attended Meetings, called at fathers. Mother took tea with us & father came late in the evg.

2d day 26. Spent the day at the Cs house & evg at home.

3d day 27 Soon after retiring to bed last evg. ma chere H— experienced symptoms of approaching confinement, which made it necessary to call the necessary assistance about 10 Clk. and a little before 5. she successfully gave birth to a Son. — Through the day she has been very comfortable. — Mother Sister Anna Mary Lincoln and Dr Read were here the two former spent the day & evg & D.R. called twice after the event. — Rebecca Nut ~~waited~~ the nurse was sent for to Newport and arrived about Sunset. Appearances up to this time are very promising. Polly Johnson will sit up. —

4th day 28th Things in the Nursery go on finely. ma chere has been through the day & last night unusually comfortable

Sister Anna & mother have called. & B.R. twice. No watcher is deemed necessary for the night. it is decided that the little stranger shall be called Thomas. after my beloved brother who was prematurely cut off by the deleterious Climate of Havana in 1809 5th day 29th Passed part of the day at the Ofhouse Remainder at home & in acts of domestic character & relation. Joy dear & and little Thomas continue to get on in an encouraging & promising way — the former sat up a few minutes while the bed was arranging and the was yesterday was moved on to another bed during a similar process — the exertion of which in neither case does not appear to have been injurious. Brother & Bro. Read called & sat for a few minutes. —

6th day 30th Spent the forenoon at the Ofhouse Since at Father's met Robert Barker & James Titus of New York and some of the other branches of the family Ofs. at home — Our nursery continues to present a pleasing aspect & our prospect —

7th day 1st 10mo. 1825

7. day 1st Spent the day about home & at the C.G. house, wife at home — Ma Chie & little Thomas continue to get along remarkably well. Mother & Dr Read & Mary Lincoln were here to day

1st day 2d Attended meeting A.M., called at Grandfather's & Father's, & spent the afternoon of the day at home. Sister Anna L. Hunt, Father Lydia & Hannah Macy called

2d day 3d Spent the forenoon at the C.G. house. Attended a meeting of the Stockholders of the Bed. Cont. Bank in the afternoon wife at home, called at Fathers a few minutes — Mrs Chew H has been more unwell to day than on any day since her confinment. occasioned as is believed by the unfavorable operation of Medicine

3d day 4th Spent the day between home & the C.G. house. Ma Chie & Thomas had a poor night and a bad head a tedious day but the distressing symptoms seem now to be in some degree mitigated. Attended at the Office of the Inst. for Sav. [illegible]

4th day 5th Occupied most of the day at the Cg. house wf. at Lydia Swains where Sister P. & I were introduced to Tho. Swains wife now a bride —

5th day 6th Engaged most of the day at the Cg. house. detained from meeting by business connected with the Institution for Savings: wf at home. Sister Phebe at a party at Mr. Russels Ma Chere H continues to improve

6th day 7th Spent the day at home & the Cg. house. wf. at home — My dear H sat up considerably to day seems to be fast improving in health.

7th day 8th Spent the day at the Cg house &c — wf. at home — Ma Chere H continues poorly. —

1st day 9th attended meeting. walked & home distance with Sister Phebe after noon — wf. at home Mary Lincoln called. in the. wf — to see ma Chere who has had a good and is poorly.

2d day 10th Walked out to my lot where men are at work making walls &c and spent the rest of the day at the Cg. house wf. at home.

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3. day 11 th passed the day at home & at the Cg house. attended at the Office of the Ins Co for Savings — cof at home. Sister Sarah & bro Ch. Called —

4 th day 12 th Occupied principally at the Cg house cof at home. my chest B. improves daily — as the little boy continues well.

5 th day 13 th Attended meeting. and spent most of the afternoon attending to the repairs of the grounds about the Ash trees near my father's house &c. &c. &c. of the day spent at home & at the Cg house. cof at home. My dear B continues to improve. She walked to day into the next Chamber. Aunt Mary called yesterday & D. Read & aunt Rotch to day. the latter did not see my wife as she was asleep —

6 th day 14 th Engaged at the Cg house &c & cof at home. —

7 th day 15 Spent the day at the Cg house. cof at home my chest & little Thomas get on well.

1st. day 16 Attended Meetings & walked a while after each. Spent the rest of the day at home. Samuel & Jenny of Alexandria took tea with us. Sister Anna Called.

2d. day 17 Attended at the Institution for Saving & at the U.S. Bank, the rest of the day passed at the C.J. house at home &c. C.J. principally at home. C.W. Morgan passed it partly with us. — after went to see Mother who expects to leave for Phila to morrow.

3 day 18th Engaged at the C.J. house the most of the day, C.J. there also on some business of my father — Mother set off this morning for Phila with Uncle Wm & Wm P Cadt. My dear to dined below Stairs, for the first time since her Confinement. — the weather has been very cold & blustering but I hope that neither my mother or wife will have suffered from it —

4th. day 19th Engaged at the Counting house, reading and at usual business, C.J. at home. Mr Clair. He did not come down Stairs to day, being troubled with a weakness of eyes in consequence of his incautiously reading too much —

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5th. day 20th. Attended Meeting and divided the rest of the day between home & the C.J. Room W.J. at home A. Robeson's sons Thos. Wm. & Andw. dined with her—

6th day 21st. Spent most of the day at the C.J. house Read J. & in my C.J. home business. W.J. at home visited Anne & Andrew Called the evg— they intend leaving home to morrow with their sons Thos. & Wm. for the Island at North Hampton. they also take little Andw. with them—

7th day 22d. Spent the day mostly at the C.J. house W.J. at home—

1st day 23d. Attended Meeting, walked about a mile on the Smiths' Mills Road to see the miserable Condition of a coloured woman. called at Grandfather D's to see Dr. Mary Redfield. a coloured woman who desired me to take some measures for her relief W.J. at home

2d. day 24th. Rode with Ann Chew Jr. & the Children with Sister Phebe to day several miles, it being the first time that the former has been out of the house since her confinement. afternoon attended the Directors' meeting at the U.S. Bank

and subsequently rode with Lydia Macy into Dartmouth in pursuance of measures to be taken preparatory to the removal of the poor creature who I walked out to see yesterday. the day has thus passed without much attention to my C.G. house business, W.J. at home. Sister Pat and Jeremiah to see L. Macy

3?. day 25th. Walked out to my lot and rode out to see the completion of the arrangement mentioned before for the removal of the forlorn Coloured woman Blue to the Dartmouth poor house, found things in readiness and the Vehicle for her transportation soon arrived when she was just in and born off from the place of filth & vermine & the neighborhood of infamy where she has been suffering, the victim of vice with an ulcerated limb — attended a meeting of the board of investment. and subsequently by busied on jobs at home or engaged at the C.G. house W.J. at home

4th. day 26th. engaged through the day at the C.G. House Candle cooking &c W.J. at home

5th. day 27th Attended meeting. and spent the remr. of the day at the C.G. house Lydia Macy with little Al. & Fred.k

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Robson dined with us. Hannah Mary also gave us her company at tea — all day. soon after —

6th. day 28th Engaged through the day about the Spt. Mandy & Cg house &c W.J. at home.

7th. day 29th Occupied at the Cg house & through the day and W.J — walked with ma Chew to after dinner to fathers. the first time of her walking out since her confinement, the walk occasioned some unpleasant sensation & fatigue

1st. day 30th attended meetings, rode a short distance with ma Chew & about noon, called at Grandfathers, & spent the rem. of the day W.J. at home. —

2. day 31st Spent part of the forenoon at my lot, where I have some wall making - rem. of the day at the Cg house &c, W.J. at the Cg house —

3. day 11 mo 1. forenoon at the Cg. Room &c afternoon rode with ma Chew. W.J. at home, Sister P. at Andrews — attended at the Off. of the Just. for Sa. J.

4th. day 2. Occupied at the Cg. House much of the day W.J at home. — rode a short distance with Ma Chew &

5th day 3d Spent most of the day at the C.H. room walked out to my lot towards evg— drank Tea at Cousin Frank's with Sister P.

6th day 4th Spent the forenoon at home & the C.H. room dined at Andrews with ma Chase & Sister Phebe the first visit of the former since her confinement— drank tea at L. Reed's with Sister P. where was a small party. Mrs Chase & H remained till 9 in the evg at Sister Annas—

7th day 5th Spent the Day partly at the C.H. room dined at fathers with Sister P. when were Sister Anna & a old gentleman from Boston Henry Daggett. Ma Chase & E.J. was also there at tea— walked out to my lot afternoon—

1 day 6th Attended Meetings. and heard George Hatton an eminent preacher from Indiana, called at Grandfather Pitt's. spent the day & evg at home

2d day 7th forenoon at the C.H. room &c, afternoon walked to look at sites for a home, evg. at home

3d day 8th. Most of the day at the C.H. Room &c. attended at the Lect. for Sewing walked to my lot, & spent an hour in the evg at Andrews

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4th day 9th Spent the day at the C.J. house
W.J. at home, My wife nurse Rebecca West
left us and returned to Newport to day
having been six weeks with us. She appears
to be a woman of a religious disposition and
well regulated temper, and through Competent in
her Station — Mrs Shew's health is so far
improved that she does not dread the return of
care that will be devolved upon her. The little
boy grows finely and has good health
5th day 10th. did not attend Meeting, which
was Contrary to my intentions, forenoon at the
C.J. house, afternoon at home, W.J. at Sister
Annas party — with Mrs Shew —
6th day 11th. Spent the forenoon at the C.J.
house, afternoon rode with Mrs Shew to
W.J. partly at the C.J. house & rest at home
7th day 12th Spent the day at home & at the
C.J. house, W.J. at home except a short time
at Father's & Andrews —
1st day 13th Attended Meetings, called at Grand
fathers, walked in the Country towards W.J.
Evelin from Richmd was at Meetings Mrs

Chen H. was also out at Meeting the first time since her confinement.

2d. day 14th. Passed the day about the C.J. house & home principally, wife at home —

3d. day 15th. Passed most of the day at home on the family Cares — having but little business to engage my attention at the C.J. house, wife C.J. at home — Called on Grandfather's with Ma Chen H.

4th. day 16th engaged mostly in reading at home.

5th. day 17th Attended Meeting. Where was James Emlen a preacher of Pennsylvania with his companions, one of the men Jesse Harris formerly my School fellow at New Garden, S.C. was known to my Chen H. they made us a Call this afternoon, attended with some religious Communications, Matthew Pennington & D. Otis, with them — wife C.J. at home, neither C.J. entered the Life of J. Akin —

6th. day 18th. Occupied about home through the day, not having anything urging my attention at the C.J. house — had the Company of my father & Andw. Charles & Benj.n with their wifes at tea also Cousin Francis & Emma Rotch. the weather changed to colder, now 23°

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1st day 19th Forenoon at the Cg. house afternoon & evg. mostly at home

2d day 20th Attended meetings, and with the exception of a walk of a few miles towards evg. Spent the rem. of the day at home

3d day 21st Forenoon at home & the Cg. house afternoon at the Bank & Cg. house. Evg. at home

4th day 22d Attended at the Inst. for Sav. & spent the day partly at the Cg. house, rem. & evg. at home.

5th day 23d Forenoon at the Cg. room. afternoon and evg. at home.

6th day 24th Attended Meeting and spent the rem. of the day at the Store & at home had the Cg. room cleaned preparatory to painting

7th day 25th Engaged at the Store & Candle works &c ——— evg. at home. Lydia Macy & Jno. L. Russell spent it with us

1st day 26th Spent the day at home & the Cg. house Afternoon &c evg. at home. Macy here & Commenced taking French lessons or rather had an interview with the teacher

Mt. Union preparatory to Conf. in conjunction with Sisters Anna & Susan.

1st. day 27th. Attended Meeting A. M. and remained at home the rem. of the day in consequence of a cold.

2d. day 28th. Spent the day partly at the Store & Post. Office & at the Bank and at home &c &c — Conf. at home.

3d. day 29th. Engaged variously at home C. home with J. at Wm. W. Swain's where the Read. Society made its first session this season. Commenced reading Brown's Philosophy of the Mind. Ma Chen & Sister Phebe also there. in returning Called at Father's to see Mother & Sister Eliza who arrived that afternoon from Phila &c — —

4th. day 30th. Engaged most of the day at the C. house &c &c — Conf. at home. Called a short time at Father's. C. M. Morgan left home to day for Phila & New York.

5th. day This day has been taken up with the attendance of Quarterly Meeting &c &c Susanna R. Smith of Burlington was there. Mercy & Susan dined & took tea with us.

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6th. day 2d. Engaged most of the day at home had the Company of Susannah P. Smith of Burlington and her companions Susannah Newbold and Rowland Jones to dine with us. had a religious opportunity after Dinner. — they left us soon after — wife spent at home —

7th. day 3d. Forenoon principally occupied in making disposition of the beef of the Cow which Jno. L. Bailey about a year since. afternoon at the Mo. Room & wife at home Lydia Greene took tea & spent the eve. with us.

1st. day 4th. Attended meetings, at which was Susan Smith, whose Communications were edifying. the remainder of the day has been spent at home except a part of the eve. at Jathers.

2d. day 5th. Occupied in relation to the Big Troy. rode out to Dartmouth Village. afternoon at the Mo. house. wife at home

3d. day 6th Engaged through the day at the Mo. house &c relating to the Big Troy. wife at home. we had the company of the study Society.

4th day 7th Engaged at the Cf house through the day wf also spent there —
5th day 8th Attended meeting. and spent the rem. of the day at the Cf house. had the Company of Father & mother Eliza & Hannah Howland Andrew & Anna & Eliza & Sarah to tea —
6th day 9th Engaged at the Cf house &c through the day. wf at home with accounts —
7th day 10th Spent most of the day at the Cf house wf principally at home — Call'd at Benjamins, Sister Susan being very sick — Annie yesterday —
1st day 11th Attended meetings. Called at Benj.'s Andrew's & Father's. Sister Susan was extremely ill last night and is very low to day — but symptoms more favorable —
2d day 12th Occupied at the Store Wharf &c, Called in the wf. at Benj.'s & Father's — Sister Susan continues better
3d day 13 This has been a very Cold day, the Mercury ranging low — 1 to 3 — almost all business without doors suspended — I spent most of the day at the Cf. at Inst. for Savings &c, wf at home spent the evening with the Ladies Society at Wm C Nyes by the severity of the weather.

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4th. day 14th. Passed the day at home and at the C.H. house evg. at home —

5th. day 15th. Attended meeting, and in the afternoon spent some time at the Town & Ch. House evg. at home —

6th. day Home & the C.H. house &c. have divided the day Sister Eliza took tea with us. evg. at home Sister Phebe & the little Children viz Edmund & Mary dined at Father's

7th. day 17th. The weather has been very rainy burnd our Chimneys — Business at the C.H. house engaged my attention part of the day remainder at home on in conjunction ~~of a domestic~~ & eating to home

1st. day 18th. Attended meetings, called at Andrews and passed the remr. of the day — and evg — at home

2d. day 19: Spent considerable of the day at the C.H. house — evg. at home. A. Robeson called had my pigs killed to day one weighed 168lb & the other 206. —

3d. day 20th. Except the attention relative to the gist of yesterday, and attend. the Bd. Society at Robt. Smiths the C.H. house & home have spent the day —

4th day 21st Rode to Dartmouth Village & call with sister Phebe & the twins on sister Sarah & Emily in father's Carriage the principal object of the journey was to carry Esquire Thurman's Mother — Attended Public examination of the Fragment School & called to see Cousin E. Rotch who lately returned from Phila & is at home —— Rubbed with saltpeter & salt my hams & 10 oz saltpeter to 10 pieces ÷ 16 Gl. Molasses

5th day 22d. Spent the day principally at the Cf. house. detained from meeting preparing letters to go by the Ship Abigail which sails today. wf partly at the Cf. room — The brig Troy which has been detained more than two weeks by head wind sailed this afternoon about 3 O'clk for New York

6th M. 23. Forenoon at the Cf. house afternoon at the examination of the upper School in this Dist — which was upon the whole satisfactory. wf at home. wf at home, attended to salting my beef about 175 lb just than about 35 or 40 lb down with my pork hams &c without adding saltpeter pickle to be added to-morrow — put 3 oz. saltpeter with salt to beef and design add ½ to-morrow 40 or 50 lb sugar dissolved —

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7. day 24. th A.M. attended the examination of the Town School taught by Mary Robinson: P.M. at the Cg. Room. ev.g. at the C.H & at home. Benj.n Children spent the afternoon here & he with them took tea with us —

1st day 25. Attended meetings. called at Benj.n returning Ash with machen & sister P. dined — at home

2d. day 26 — Spent the day mostly at the Cg house — ev.g. also partly spent there, afterwards called at Jethros. he is yet in Boston whither he went this day a week ago — had note with 4 lb brown sugar sent to my house —

3d. day 27th Spent the forenoon principally in calling to see the paintings of E Marchant a portrait-painter now in Town a resident of Martha's Vineyards. a young self taught artist of considerable promise. concluded to have portraits of our little Mary & Edmund. — Afternoon at the Cg. house ev.g at Wm. Vs. Swaine's when the Read.g Society were convened

4th day 28th Spent most of the forenoon with machen &c. at Mr Marchants room with our little Children for their portraits. Dined at Jethros as did also

Sixth Phebe. Mr Chm & wife there at tea. attended a meeting of the trustees of the Institution for Savings in the evening, afterwards at Fathers. Father who had been absent at Boston returned this afternoon.

5th. day 29th went with the Children with Rebecca to the Portrait Painter, which kept me from meeting afternoon & evg. at the Cs house

6th. day 30th. Devoted the forenoon to the little Children at Mr Machants room. Afternoon took them & went there with Henry Ann Eliza then in Charge of Rebecca & Mary. Weather very Rainy but the Children were guarded well against it. Left at home

7th. day 31 Engaged by business relating to the Sp. th Mary through the day & evg. at Fathers to accommodate the French School expected to be held to compensate for the omission yesterday, but Mr. Thirion did not attend — Thus terminates the year 1825 which is about to be numbered with those that have been.

1st. day 1st Mo. 1826 This day commenced the new year Attended meetings. called at Mr Arnis & Fathers. and spent the rest of the day at home

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2. day 2. Attended with my Chere B on little Children to Sit at the portrait painters. afternoon at the Cf house Bank. evg. at home

3. day 3d. Met in the forenoon & evg. the other members of the School Committee of this District Attended at the Institution for Savings and was occupied in relation to a threatened attack of Croup which menaced our little Edmund, Sem. of the day partly at the Cf house & evg. at home, the absence of our nurse at the wedding of her sister rendered my services useful on this occasion of the indisposition, the exhibition of appropriate medicine he gives us now the promise of a Comfortable night

4th. day 4th. Spent the day mostly in attention to business in and about the Cf house. evg at home. little Ed. is better to day but not wholly free from the hoarseness which was cause of some anxiety last night

5th. day 5th. Attended meeting. Spent an hour at the painting room with little Mary, we had Thos. & Lydia Greene Adam Norrie & Capt. Ed. Gardner and C. M. Morgan to dine, who Spent the evg. with us as did also the Read. Society

6th day 6th Spent the day at the Cj house and eve J. at home except the latter part when the Town was alarmed with fire in Kempton's building. The fire proved to be in the Cellar of the South part and was arrested before it communicated much above.

7th day 7th This day has been passed principally at the Cj house. wJ. at home. E. D. Merchant the painter called and spent most of the wJ. with us— Went with ma Chere to his room the afternoon to see the picture of our dear little Children which is nearly finished.

1st day 8th Attended Meeting & called on Chas Spent part of the wJ. at Fathers and the rem. of the day & wJ at home — Mother & Sister Coming by the Worcester & Cold to the house —

2d day 9th Engaged through the day either at home or at the Cj house, wJ. at the Meeting of the members of the Institution for Savings.

3d day 10th Engaged most of the day at the Cj Room attended at the Office of the Institution for Savings, and met the Reading Society at Chs. M. Morgan's

4th day 11th Engaged at the Q.G. house through the day & eve.g. except part of the forenoon which was Spent at the portrait painters with my Chen.d & the Children, sitting P.M. was the part of the time visited of my fr.d. The weather has been very unfavorable for the week past, as the little Edmund has not got over his cold, so that their attendance has been interrupted for more than that Space of time, they made their last visit to day—

5th day 12th Attend meeting A.M.—P.M. attended the funeral of a child of Josh.a Hathaway about 18 Mon.s old, his death was occasioned by a piece of the kernel or Pell of a nut getting in his lungs— W.J. Spent at a meeting of the Trustees of the Institution for Sav.s

6th day 13th This day has been Spent at the G.G. house, e.g. at home—

7th day 14 Passed the day in attend.g to busi- ness at the G.G. house & Sav.s visit.d e.g at home had a small party Tho.s & Sylvia Swain our bro.r & Sisters Wm & Lyne R.d & Smith W.m & L. Swain Cousin E. Rotch.

1st day 15th Attended meeting A.M., detained P.M. by Henry's indisposition which required Medical

advice & my attention. Dr Read bled him and otherwise prescribed; symptoms now somewhat abated — 4th day. 18th — The forenoon of the 16th was spent about home, attending on Henry who was not materially better and in taking measures for his removal &c — he was removed about 11 O'Clk to William Wests' house where the circumstances were very favorable for his being well & attended. after which I went to the Cg house — The symptoms of cold which I had had for several days were by the extra exposure occasioned by H's illness so much increased that I considered it necessary to confine myself to the house, which I did not leave for the afternoon & have remained since that time. A peculiar tightness of my lungs, was followed or attended towards eg. with a Chilliness which was not for a considerable time overcome, Dr Read was called in & who prescribed, and I was yesterday (the 17th) confined all day to my room. — My parents & brothers called to day I am much better and have been below stairs but confined mostly to the house — Andrew & Cousin Fan Rotch called to day. I expect to be out again to-morrow.

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1. day 22 The cold which oppressed me on the 18th has hitherto continued with so much force to such a degree that I have not been out from the house & premises except on the 19th a short time at the G. house & fathers — the weather having been cold the whole time since. — I am now considerably better and expect to be confined no longer if the weather should be fine — Several of our family have been in. father & Benj.n & cousins E & F Rotch to-day — the occasion of the call of the latter was had reference to a plan for promoting the Painter who took our Children's pictures & who has since made a portrait of my grandfather E. D. Marchant, making a professional visit to Boston for the improvement Mother is yet at Rochester where she has been since 3d day last when she went to be with sister Lydia — who was confined with a daughter on 2d day last — the 2d acco. rec'd from there have been favorable.

2d day 23d Went with my wife to D Braytons & Grandfathers. also took Sister P. to the latter place to see Grandfathers portrait by E. D. Marchant. which great credit to the young

artist considering his great deficiencies in advantages of instruction in his art, he being literally self taught. I afterwards rode to my lot & spent the rest of the day at the C.H. house & evg. at home. I Mary took tea & passed it with us

3d. day 24. Attended at the Institution for Savings & in the evg. at C.W. Morgan's with the ready Society through the rem. of the day at the C.H. house & at home

4th. 25 — Most of the day at the C.H. house —

5th. day 26. Attended meeting and devoted the rem. of the day to business — evg. at home

6th. day 27 I have been engaged at the C.H. house & Sp. Mtg. to day. evg. at home

7th. day 28th. Day & evg. principally spent at the C.H. house — went with Gideon Howland to see the Widow of the late Benj. Hill respecting a question referred to us as arbitrators. Hams were taken out of pickle

1st. day 29th. Attended meetings and passed the rem. of the day at home.

2d. day 30 Spent the day at the C.H. house & evg. at home

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3. day 31st — Passed the day at the Cg house principally, attended at the Institution for Coloured and in the evg. ~~went~~ at home. weather extreme by Cold & with high wind —

4th day 2mo 1. Engaged about home & at the Cg house through the day, evg at Wm W. Evans when the mtg. Society met. the mtg. being put forward on account of the weather yesterday —

5th day 2. Passed the day about Home & at the Cg house, did not attend meeting on acct. of some engagements which made it inconvenient — evg. at home —

6th day 3. Engaged at home & at the Cg house & have divided the day: evg. at home

7th day 4th Occupied A. M. in taking measures for filling my ice house. which object was accomplished and the house filled with 87 loads about 12 Tons. from Mrs bro: Benj.a M.-Claimed Marsh. the quality rather inferior afternoon at the Cg. house. C.M. Morgan took tea with us and spent most of the evg. afterwards I spent 1½ hours at the Cg. house

A. Robeson arrived this afternoon in the Stage from his visit to Philadelphia &c

1st. day 5th. Attended Meetings. Called a short time at Chas Ii & passed the rest of the day at home, except J. & call at Benj.s to see Sister Mead, who has recently left her Room where she has had a severe turn of illness — She is a little alarmed this evg. (Sat.) by Symptoms of Croup in one little Grandson — Benny returned this evg. from his uncle where he has been some time since he has been better of the attack of Pleurasy — Andrew Robeson called to see us this evg.

2d. day 6th. Spent the day at the Cg house &c evg. partly there also, called at Andrews. — Our little Thos. Symptoms of Croup yielded to our treatment & removed them and he slept quietly after 2 Oclk — he appears pretty well to day — hams hung in smoke house

3d. day 7th. Engaged at the Cg. house most of the day — Dined at Jesses with Mrs Chew & Sister. Abm Lowry only there — evg. at home the raining weather prevented the meet. of the Soc. for Reading

4th. day 8th. Spent the day at the Cg house principally evg. at home, the reading Soc. met here.

5th. day 9 2 Mo. 1826

Attended Meeting & passed the rest of the Day at home or at the Cf house & J at B. W. Morgan's where ma Chas, Sister & self took tea. —

6th. day 10 Spent the day principally at the Cf. house. took tea with ma Chas & & Sister Phebe at Antrews —

7th. day 11th. Spent the ~~for~~ day at the Cf house & drank tea & spent the ev'g. with ma Chas & & Sister P at Grandfathers —

1st. day 12th Attended Meetings. Called at Jos. Rotch's rest of the day & most of the ev'g at home. Called late in the ev'g at fathers and Andrew's —

2d. day 13 Engaged at the Cf. house & work kept through the day. ev'g. at the Cf. house. little Thos. Arnell called Dr. Read to see him in the ev'g.

3d. day 14th. Forenoon Spent at home or in procuring some mechanical aid for fitting a couple of toys for the Children; Afternoon at the Cf house. ev'g. with ma Chas & at Robert Smiths where met the Family Sr Cf — Sister P. detained by a Cold; little Thos better

4th. day 15. Spent most of the day at the Cf. house ev'g. at home — My mother is quite indisposed with the influenza, Dr. Read visited her to day —

5th day 16th. Attended meeting, after, — called at cousin Jas Arnold's. Spent some time at Fathers & at the C.J. home, w.f. at home — Mother is rather better today —

6th day 17th. Paid the at home and the C.J. home w.f. partly spent at Fathers. — Mother is rather better — Our Henry is again unwell; confined to the house to day

7th day 18th. Passed the day in attention to business &c at the C.J. home &c w.f. met Manasseh & Esther Kempton on the subject of building my house.

1st day 19 attended meetings, called at C.H. Arnolds and Fathers part of the day and eve at home —

2d day 20th Spent most of the day at the C.J. home &c. w.f. at home —

3d day 21st Spent the day at the C.J. house &c attended at the Institution for Savings — w.f. at home, detained from meetg. the Roads Icy by the weather.

4th day 22d Occupied at the C.J. home most of the day, w.f. at home.

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5th day 23d. Attended Meeting and Spent most of the day at the Cg. house c&g. at C.M. Morgan's where the read'g. Society met — Our little Mary has been quite unwell for 2 days. Dr Read saw her this afternoon. Henry Continues so unwell as to be off duty —

6th day 24th at the Cg. house through the day in some manual operations, c&g. at a party with my wife at Gilbert Russell's —

7th day 25 Engaged at the Cg. house in mechanical operations c&g. at home —

1st day 26th Detained from mg. A.M. in procuring Medicine for our little Mary — She seems rather better — the Calomel administered a few days since caused a slight Salivation — Attended mg. P.M. c&g at home. A. Robeson & Potts called — also Wm. Swain & C.M. Morgan, between Meetings —

2d day 27th Passed the forenoon at home & at the Cg. house. also the afternoon, being called from the latter place on acct of the illness of a Child — called Dr. Read, his prescriptions were beneficial. — her affection of a bilious Character

2. day 28th Forenoon at home engaged in plan of my new house, afternoon at Cg. Room out of home — Ma Chas Hs quite ailed and below Hams at tea &c

3m°. 1 Spent the day at the Cg house. evg called at M. Kempton relative to building and passed the rem. of it at home

4th. day 2. attended mg. Dined at Benj.s with Ma Chas Hs & sister P. where were a fancy party Spent some time at the Cg. house — Hams &c taken out of Andrews smoke house

6th. day 3d. Spent the day (mostly at the Cg house evg. at home)

7th. day 4th Spent the day mostly at the Cg. house evg. at home. — Sister Phebe is quite ill with the influenza.

1st. day 5th attended Meetings, Called between meetings at Fathers and Spent the rest of the day at home.

2d. day 6th Passed the day principally at the Cg house evg. at home — Sister P continues much unwell.

3d. day 7th Forenoon at the Cg. house, afternoon at the District School, evg. at home

Expected a Meeting of the Ind.y Society but the individuals were detained by ill health of themselves or their friends. C.M. Morgan called in. 4.th day 5.th Passed the day at C.f town business W.f. at home. — Sister Eliza Spent it with us. 5.th day 6.th Engaged at the C.f or in Calculations at home, except time Spent in Dining at C.M. Morgans. with a family party. Returned there to tea with Ma Chen & who also Dined there Sister Rhebe Cole confines her yet mostly to her room. —

6.th 10 Spent the forenoon at home and partly in urging one of the Overseers of the Meet.g to press on Complaint against Asa Smith afternoon Ready or Searching the Laws of our State. W.f. at home 7.th day 12.th Yesterday was principally passed at the C.f house & W.f. at home. Sat up during the night with Maddens Infant, who continues very sick. — This day has been Spent wholly at home, Slept in the forenoon and accidentally missed the hour of Meeting in the afternoon. Read in appropriate authors.

2. day 13. Spent the day at the Cg house
wf attended a meeting of the Bath house
Society.—
3 day 14th Engaged in the forenoon at the
Cg house. Afternoon at the town School
wf at the Cg house
4th day 15th Spent most of the day at in attending
to business at the Cg house &c — wf at
a Meeting of the Subscribers to the Bathing
house —
5th day 16 Attended Meeting and devoted the
rest of the day to the Cg house. wf at home
6th day Attended in the forenoon the examination
of Mary Robinsons School & in
the afternoon that of Jn. Thornton both in
the District No. 4 — wf at home —
7th day 18 Spent the day mostly at the Cg house
wf partly Spent there also — Our neighbour
Abraham Smith died this morning. He
had been confined to the house several years
by a paralytic affection, and was now carried off by the influenza —

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1st. day 19th attended meetings and called at C. H. Morgans & L. Robesons out of the town and wd. at home

2d. day 20th Spent the day at the C. house wd. at home with a pritty severe cold in my head —

3d. day 21st Remained at home through the day on account of my Cold —

4th day 22d Spent part of the day at the C. house, called at Sister Anna's & at Mothers father having gone yesterday to Boston & And. to Fall River — dem. of the day wd. at home

5th. day 23d Spent the forenoon at the C. house did not attend meeting on acct. of my Cold. In the afternoon Rode out to my lot to fix on the line of the Continuation of the lane Westward viz the South line of the same in a line with the last part of the South line as now built found the Course to be West 1° South parallel with the South line of the lot with the Common road (belong. to my uncle William) wd. at home

6th day 24 This is the anniversary of my birth — I am thirty four years old to day. — It is a long time to have lived and brought so little that is valuable to pass. Yet I cannot reproach myself with idleness. neither with the voluntary commission of what my Conscience Condemned. Any errors & omissions such as they have been, have resulted from the inadequate estimate which by the nearer Contemplation of passing objects and events has inadvertently been held of the importance of the future and the infinite. in this way trivial things have assumed an inordinate and fictitious magnitude & have had an unmerited importance. May the Coming year be marked with fewer mistakes and find me (if life should be continued) advanced in those qualities which afford the most satisfaction in retrospect. —

Spent most of the day at the C. house

W.J. at home

7th day 25 Attended to business at the C. house — Dined with Capt. Joy at Ch. H. Store yard — W.J. at the C. house — after I called at Father's who returned to night from Boston

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1st day 26 Attended meetings called at fathers. Aunt Mary Spent the eve'g. with us — Rebecca Richmond went to her brothers yesterday on account of ill-health

2d day 27. — Attended forenoon Meet'g., otherwise engaged at home and at the Cg house. eve'g. partly at the Cg house. — Ma Chen T. is much unwell from the effects a cold —

3d day 28 Spent the Day at the Cg. house eve'g. mostly at home. out a short time on business — Ma Chen T. better: Mother called to see her

4th day 29th Spent the forenoon at the School in the South district, afternoon attended a meeting of the School Com.rs at H Sullings Office eve'g. at home except a short time at the Cg house. Sister Anna called to see Ma Chen T. who is better — Andrew also here late in eve'g

5th day 30 — Attended Meeting & Spent the rest of the Day principally at the Cg house. eve'g at home. Sister Eliza drank tea with us —

We learned this eve'g. through a letter from

my wifes mother of the decease of her uncle Henry Haydock of Cornwall. after a debilitating illness of about 2 months. he appears to have gone off suddenly to his family ~~& friends~~ —

6th day 31st. I have been engaged through the day at my fathers or my own Counting house wch. at home. Mother Spent it with us. Jim Delano came to electrify Sister Phebe for a stiff neck — which gave relief —

7th day 1st mo 1 — Forenoon Spent partly at the Cg. house & partly at in Riding to Smiths Mills with Jas Chew, Sis. Phebe & the 3 Children, afternoon at the Cg. house. Cg. party there. Called at Fathers —

1st day 2d Attended Meetings, Called at Benjamin Fathers & Charlis — Sister Susan is quite Poorly unwell — And. Called — he returned last evg. with his ~~the~~ boys Thos. & Wm. from the School at Northampton —

2d. day 3 — Attended Town Meeting in the forenoon where the time was principally Spent in discussing & deciding the Question in effect

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whether Dancing should be allowed to be practiced in the Town Hall. by permitting it to be occupied for a dancing School or for holding balls — The principal Speakers on the affirmative were Seth Russell, John Howland and Abraham Barker. Say the Speakers on the Negative. — those on the affirmative or in favor of allowing it to be used for such purposes were Jos Rotch, Benjamin Rodman Lysander Washburn and Samuel Williams Jr — the size of the meeting indicated the interest which was felt in Town on the Subject — the result was by a vote of about 140 to 120 in favor of continuing to allow it to be used for the purposes mentioned — The pernicious tendency of such a license was considerably guarded against by a prohibition subsequently voted of the introduction of Spirituous liquors to be drunk in the hall. and of the letting of either of the Cellars under the building to be used for retailing Spirituous liquors. — Afternoon attended the polls for the election of Governor & Senators. and spent the remainder of the

afternoon at the Town Schools in District No. 4 — which were opened to day after a vacation of two weeks — Evg. attended at the Cg. house & to some business of my father — 3d day 4th. Called at Grandfathers visited with Mrs Chace & Lydia & the children E.D. Marchant painting room attended at the Institution for Savings — Spent the afternoon mostly at the Cg room. Called to see Lydia Macy who is to be married tomorrow to John Summers Russell and afterwards go to Taunton where they will reside — Called at Fathers — he starts to day to Fall River.

4th day 5th. Forenoon attended the marriage Ceremony of Jno Summers Russell & Lydia Macy at Chs Russells house — the new married Couple together with Jno's Parents & sister set off about ½ past 11 for Taunton — Nathaniel Spooner Cg. Officiated afternoon at the Cg house evg. at home — S. Delano called to Electrify Rita P. who is yet troubled with the ague

5th day 6th 4th mo 1826 Attended the Quarterly meeting, which held till near 4 O'clk. had for Company to dine Spent the rem. of the afternoon & part of the ev. at the Store. rem. at home

6th day 7th Micajah Swain Michah Ruggles & C. M. Morgan dined with us — called Pbl with N. S. to see Grandfather, rest of the day &c. principally Spent at the C. house

7th day 8th Sister Phebe left us to day in the pack. st Hoop Ann for Newyork to make a visit to her parents & relations. Capt. Silvanus Allen also was a passenger, a very respectable man, to whose attentions and Care she was recommended. — I was much disappointed that Capt. A. Lord did not Conclude to go in the Steam boat via Newport — his opinion, Contrary to my own, that the Sun would have a good passage prevented his taking the other route, — my fears have been verified by a hard wind all the afternoon. which occasions much regret on the ultimate decision. as Sister Phebe usually Suffers much on such passages with Sea Sickness — the packet sailed at

little after 10 O'Clk A.M. and after returning from the W.H. with me Chas H. I Spent the Rem.r of the day & eve.g mostly at the C.J. house

1st. day 9th Attended Meetings. Called at Andrews. Charles Fathers. the rest of the day Spent at home —— Wm B Rotch returned yesterday at this place from his visit in England &c

2d. day 10th. This day has been principally devoted to visiting in conjunction with others of the School Committee the Public Schools in this village Spent the forenoon at the South School taught by A Quinby & the afternoon at the Schools of Mary Roberson & Jno. Thornton in the W.n District —— eve.g at home the weather a severe Snow Storm. in consequence of which the Schools were uncommonly thin Small ——

3d. day 11th. Attended at the Institution for Savings. Spent considerable time at the C.J. house and drank tea with me Chas H & Andrews

Wm B Rotch Called to See us A.M. he left his own relations well in England about 6 weeks since. our new Dean John Booth came this afternoon &c

Coming to agreement. and Charles took into Service at the Cy. house a lad Wm Hathaway to initiate as a Clerk—

4th day 12th — Went out to Rochester in Fathers' Carriage to wait upon any visit Lydia Ruggles into Town — to stay during the removal of their furn. &c to Fall River which is to be their future residence — She is labouring under a severe cold — her infant and a child who has been living with her came in with me — c of f home

5th day 13th. Spent the forenoon at the Cy house. detained from meeting by John Page a Candidate for the preceptorship of the Academy who called to see me as a trustee Spent the afternoon at the Acady School c of f. at home, Chs & Sarah took tea & Spent it with us

6th. day 14th. Spent this day mostly in reference to the preceptorship of the Academy accompanied J Page this afternoon to Geo Howells School. c of f. at home—

17th day 15th Spent the Day in various occupations. at home, at the G. house, at Fathers, visited Clapp's house, viewed the lot on which I contemplate building, called on G. Newell at the Academy, who came home and spent the ev'g with us —

1st. day 16 — Attended Meetings, Called at Uncle William's Grandfather & Father J. H. B. Fleming called here — ev'g at home

2d. day 17 Spent the forenoon principally in reading at home, afternoon at the Academy library and at a mg. of the trustees of the Acady — ev'g had the company of Jn.o Page a Candidate for the preceptorship of the Academy — afterwards called at Fathers

3d. day 18th Rode before breakfast in search of my young Cow which had strayed at a critical moment found her with a Calf, and afterwards returned with my oxen to drive them into town. — the rem.r of the day & ev'g principally at home, except attending at the Dan.l Institution / engaged in relation to my plans of a house —

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4th day 19th Spent the forenoon at the Town School in Dist. No 5 — afternoon at home, occupied with Mr. Kempton in relation to my new House — W.J. at home

5th day 20 Forenoon passed at home & in attending meeting — afternoon at N.S. Jr Lees book store examining School books &c W.J. at home. & Called at Fathers —

6th day 21st Spent the day in occupations about home or in relation to my plan of building a house — W.J. Called at Fathers and attended a meeting of persons chosen as Fythingmen by the Town —

7th day 22d Went to Fall River to attend Sister Lydia &c to her new residence in that place Micah took Mary Gifford who is to spend some time with Lydia in his gig the rest of us went in Fathers Carriage — the oppor. served to accomplish my object of seeing Andrew's Masons. their work looks well and I think that I may like to have them to build my house —

if they should accomplish their present engagements in time. — returned about ½ past 9 in the eve.

1st. day 23d Attended meetings. called at at Sister Anna's (And.w being gone to Northampton to carry his sons Thos.s & Wm to the School) also called at Charles's, and spent the rem.r of the day & eve.g at home read a Sermon of Scanlon in French and Dr Channing review of Sutton —

2d. day 24th — Forenoon and eve.g at Cg. house afternoon at home — Rec'd Chin N much oppressed with a Cold

3d. day 25th Forenoon at the Cg. house & afternoon & eve.g mostly at home. — attended at the Institution for Savings

4th. day 26. At the Cg. house &c Att. P.M at home with Geo. Newell late preceptor of the Academy who dined with us — eve.g called at Fathers, and Andrews, the latter returned to day from his journey to Northampton —

5th day 27th. Attended Meeting: P.M at the Cg. house. Eve.g at a Mg. of the St. Com.ee

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Sister Eliza drank tea & Spent the ev.g here
6th day 28th Accompanied Mother to Fall
River to visit Lydia — Returned about hun-
ch in And.w Gig. he coming to morrow in
mothers Carriage — Sister Susan drank
tea with us Ch.s Morgan called —
7th day 29th Occupied most of the day at the
G. house or otherwise attend.g to business
part of the ev.g Spent at the G. house
1st day 30th Attended Meeting. and Called
at Charles' Grandfathers & in the ev.g at my un-
cle W.m Rotch Jr.s — rem.r of the Day at home —
2d day 5mo 1 — Forenoon Spent partly at the
G. house Called on the Overseers of the M.g. to
have some Conversation respecting their sluggish
proceeding in the Case of Asa Smith — After-
noon principally at home — ev.g went with
ma Chas H. to a party at Jo.s Rotchs.
3d day 2d — Forenoon at the G. room. after-
noon rode out to my lot. and my bro Ben-
jamins. — ev.g Sister Eliza took tea with us. Charles
Babbidge an under graduate of Cambridge Col-
lege called and Spent ~~the~~ some time. he

is engaged to supply the Academy as preceptor for a few months — I afterwards called at Mrs Rotch's and my fathers —
4th day 3. Devoted the forenoon principally to C. Babbidge at the Academy Visit and in taking measures to procure the Academy cleaned — Afternoon made a call with C.B. at Wm Russell Jr — where he has engaged lodging and where Russell Freeman & his wife are boarders he dined and drank tea with us — Our man John confined to his bed most of the day with pain in his head &c
5th day 4th. Attended meeting at which was performed the marriage of Robert Wing and our neighbour Abigail Smith — The day was otherwise Spent in relation to Gardening — Drank tea at James Arnolds where was Ch.t & Elizabeth Smith and a family party —
6th day 5th occupied in attending to business through the day dined & drank tea and Spent the eve. at fathers with the other branches of our family —

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1st. day 6th Engaged in the Garden at the Academy & through the day, eve. at a party at Cousin Ch. F Flemings —

1st. day 7th Attended meetings, took a short walk after, and passed the remr. of the day at home — Charles Babbidge called in the eve., and I at towards the close of it Called with him at Uncle Williams & Fathers at the latter place were Aunt Mary and Cousin Eliza Rotch. Andw. & Anna Rotch Son —

2d. day 8th Considerable of my time has been taken up at the Academy — where the school was re commenced to day under Charles Babbidge Attended at the Bank — eve. at home except accompanying ma Chez on an errand —

3d. day 9th Attended a little to the operations at the Academy yard &c — gave some time to a Conference with Mr. Russell relative to the relinquishment of his title to the land of my Fathers on which I have intended building which in the Sale to my father was guaranteed as a Street — arrived at an Satisfac-

my Aunts — Afternoon taken up in sitting off in Conjunction with Dud Cy Davenport & Jo. Bonnet the Owner of Mary Fuller in the house built by her Decd husband near the bridge — Wf. partly at Fathers & remr at Cousin Fos. Potts's where we Chas & Spent the Evg.

4th day 10th Spent the forenoon at the store afternoon rode to Smiths mills in pursuit of land for building. had a further unsatisfactory Conference with A. Russell — rode to my lot. where I had men ploughing. Wf Called at Fathers & Chs remr at home

5th day 11th Engaged part of the day at the C.J. house remr variously spent. Called at Fathers. in relation to the difficulty which has appeared in regard to our building on the lot on Spring Street &c &c Wf. Called to see Jos & Lydia Russell who arrived yesterday from Taunton — at Chs Russells

6th day 12. Engaged most of the day in Study at home — Spent the latter part of the Evg at Fathers — where was Jos & Lydia Russell &c

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7th day 13th Engaged A. M. about home & domestic arrangements, rode P. M. with the Children and Spent Sometime at the Cg. house &c — Had a Small party at Tea made for Jno. & Lydia Rutledge —

1st day 14th — Attended Meetings. Called with ma Chen in the W.J. at Andrews. little Andw & Martha R. took tea with us

2d day 15th Engaged A.M. in fixing the outer roof to our ice house, and in attending to our Cg. home business, afternoon at the Cg. house Lewj. at home — The weather has been oppressively hot the mercury in the thermometer having risen to 90° Finished planting field of Corn & potatoes

3 day 16th Remained at home most of the day engaged in Study &c W.J. Called with ma Chen at Uncle Williams —

4th day 17 Engaged much of the day at home — a few hours at the Cg. Room W.J. at home, mother Spent it with us & Father Called late

5th day 18th Attended meeting and had

a Conversation with A. Mr. Russell relative to the lot on which I contemplate building, without being able to Come to any Satisfactory result — Spent the rem^r of the day & eve^g at home — Sister Eliza Aranke Lew with us —

6^th. day 19^th. Spent most of the forenoon about home. afternoon at the Cg house Cof. at home Ed^d. Merchant called — 7^th day 20^th Engaged most of the forenoon about home & in relation to domestic matters afternoon attended a Town Meeting, relating to two Contemplated Streets &c. Eve^g. had a party of our relations & Dan^l Parkman & wife from Boston.

1^st. day 21^st. Attended M^g. Called at Ch^r W. Morgan's rest of the Day & Cof. at home. Sister E. called P.M.

2^d day 22^d. Engaged in writing most of the day at home. Eve^g. principally at home also. Called a few minutes with Mrs Chen H at Andrews and at Fathers —

3^d. day 23^d. Engaged in the forenoon mostly

at home, took a short ride with ma Chase H & little Mary. — attended at the Inst.n for Savings — afternoon engaged on business of the Town relating to ~~the~~ contemplated Streets. wf. ~~had~~ an errand to the North part of the Town and called to see to Robert Dillman who was hurt by the falling of a piece of timber at a raising about 2 weeks since. he is now nearly recovered —

4th day 24th Spent the day and eveg in study at home

5th day 25th Attended Meeting and Spent the remr. of the day about home — drank tea with ma Chase at Sister Anna's —

6th day 26th Engaged about home principally relating to making a Catalogue of our Library — Soap-making house Cleaning &c going on — Ch. Babbidge Called in the eveg — part of the forenoon at E. Mans[illegible] Joint Q. Room with little Mary —

7th day 27th Engaged morning and wf. relating to the business referred by the Town to a Comee respecting contemplated Streets. wf. met the others of the Comee at my C.J. House — Engaged through the

day about home. Soak Making & other necessary jobs —

1st day 28th Attended Meeting A.M.: Stayed from MJ. in the afternoon on acct. of the weather (a thunder shower) WJ at home, Sister Ch. M. Morgan called — a Thunder Storm last night destroyed Caleb Carr's barn in the outskirts of the Town and killed a pair of oxen & a Cow —

2d day 29th Engaged at the Ct. house re A.M. and there & at home the rem.r of the day. WJ at home

3d day 30th Engaged most of the forenoon with other Comrs on a reference or hearing parties interested in the home wherein Mary Fuller has recovered dower, in Consequence of an omission of instruction on the part of the Attorneys engaged in the Case at the former division as noted about 3 Weeks since — Rest of the day mostly passed at the Ct. house — WJ. at home

4th day 31st Visited & Exd the Schools in Districts 1 & 2 with Jos. Congdon, P.M. attended a meeting of the School Com.rs WJ. Called at Grandfather

Jo.s Ricketson & Wm. Morgan

6m.o 1st. (5th day) Attended mtg. Spent the forenoon & mtg. at home afternoon at the Cg. house & mtg at home — The Brig Bruzet Capt. Covell arr.d to day from a trading voyage of 29 mos. in the Pacific Ocean — Continental Coast —

6th day 2. Spent most of the forenoon at the Cg. room. afternoon rode to Benj.n Jones farm with the hope of supplying myself with a man in place of John whom I sent home or to his bro.r he being too much unwell to continue at service — Stopped and put some attention to my garden spot on my return found the parnips beets Carrots & Onions but very partially up owing probably to the late drought — mtg. at home —

7th day 3. Forenoon engaged at home and at the Cg. house. Afternoon principally taken up at the adj.d town Meting relating to Streets which finally resulted in the reference of the subject to the next annual Meeting. mtg walked out with ma Chere and spend the latter part of it at home —

1st day 4th Attended Meetings and Called at Fathers and Andrews with the Children Eg. at home.
2d day 5th — Spent the Morning in duties & meanures incident to the absence of our Man Whose place I have not yet been able to supply — Rem^r of the day mostly at the Cg. or otherwise devoted to business Called to see Father who is Confined with a lame knee — Eg at home —
3d day 6th Spent the day & Eg mostly at home — attended at the Inst^n for Sarah and rode with the Children in the Cg
4th day 7th Forenoon attended to business at Bankers — Capt^n Prot^r M^r Joy dined with us after which I took a ride round the Farm — Eg at home
5th day 8th Attended Meeting and passed the rem^r of the day at home in Study Eg at home the latter part —
6th day 9th — Engaged with trifling exception in Study at home, — —

4th day 10th. 6th mo. 1876. Engaged through the day & evg. in study at home

1st day 11th. Attended meetings and called at Father's Andrew's & Grandfather's and spent the latter part of the day also at Dr's. the rest of the day & evg. at home. — at Andrews was a collection of our part. families at a Strawberry entertainment.

2. day 12th. Engaged most of the day in drawing a plan of my home. — p.d some attention to the garden and to moving shingles from the wharf to the site for my house — gave some time to the Counting house &c — evg. at home —

3. day 13th — Spent most of the day at home in drawing — gave some attention to my Gardens — that at the lot much affected by the drought. Met with the board of Directors of the Ins. Co for Savings —

4th day 14th. Forenoon engaged in drawing plans &c; and relating to the Social Library. afternoon occupied with a meeting of the School Com. evg. at home.

5th day 15th. Engaged through the day in

plans for building — went in the evg.
to a Strawberry feast at Andrews with
ma Chen H
6th day 16) Except a little time given to
the G house &c I have been engaged in
drawing & calling late in the evg. to accompany
ma Chen H from J. Rotch's where she took tea,
7th day 17th Spent this day in a jaunt
to Fall River with ma Chen H. arrived
at Micah's about 12 & left about 6
reached home at 9 — my object had reference
to my new house. My. H. wished to make a
visit to Sister Lydia — I visited with the
former Andrews Calico manufactory.
and walked to enjoy the fine scenery
within the Circle of vision —
1st day 18th Attended meetings and dined at
Fathers with ma Chen H where was a fami-
ly party to meet Jacob Barker & Cousin Eliza and
their son William and their youngest Child Abm
a fine little boy of 5 yrs — Evg. at home. The
meetings were unusually large to day / Min
being several Strangers in the Ministers Present. —

2d. day 19th. Engaged through the day at home and took tea at Sister Anna's / where were J & E Barker & their Sons and the several branches of our family & several of our Cousins & Aunt Mary —

3d. day 20th. Spent most of the forenoon in obtaining information respecting materials for my house &c. &c. my lot — attended at the Inst.e for Savings and devoted the rem.r of the day & evg. in perfecting my plans for building —

4th. day 21st. Engaged at home and at the Cg. house All — Called at uncle Wm.s to see him. found much better than could reasonably have been expected, he having fallen on 2d. day last through an opening in the floor of the old Sp.e house into the Cellar about 8 feet — He is now able to walk about the house — afternoon attended to business relating to building — and to the Inst.e for Sav.gs — MJ. at home — Madea late call at Fathers —

5th. day 22d. Attended MJ — Spent a considerable part of the day at the Cg. house — MJ at home.

6th day 23d. Engaged at the Inst.n for Savings much of the forenoon rest of the day occupied at home — Eve. called at Andrews walked on my contemplated house lot before dark & called late at Fathers, went home with Sister Eliza who spent the eve with me —
7th day 24th. Engaged most of the day in surveying with Jo.s Congdon Junr. preparatory to locating or marking the spot for my house attended in the eve.g a meeting of the Trustees of the Institution for Savings —
1st day 25. Went to Fall River this forenoon on business which requires attention before my expected return from Taunton whither I am summoned to morrow as a juror — I expect to take my wife and the baby with one of our assistants, as a change of scene which will be agreeable to the former — Returned from Fall River in time for a meeting by Elizabeth Robinson an English friend who delivered a good sermon to a large audience. — Our Rebecca returned to day from Taunton where she went for an excursion with her brother.

N.B. the following note of the past week was made subsequent to our return from Taunton from memory & a few notes — viz (returned Jan: 2.)

2. day 26th. By an arrangement with the Stage driver we started in the Stage about ½ past 5 O. Clock an hour or two earlier than usual to accommodate myself & others who wished to be in Taunton at the opening of the Court, at 10 O'Clk. — the Stage was full inside and ½ a doz. of the outside seats part of the way reached Taunton ½ past 10 — and with ma Chas H. & our little Son — & Henry Wady took our previously engaged lodgings at a widow Baylies' — She had no other Court Company — & we had separate accommodations, at meals &c and found ourselves through the week pleasantly situated — Went to the Court house as soon as possible, but the Jurors had been Called and Judge Morton gave me a gentle hint that I ought to have been there a little sooner. — the 1st Jury had the attention of the Court through the forenoon, and the 2d Jury of which I was one were directed to Choose a Foreman and appear at the opening of the Court in the afternoon. The Choice fell upon me — On the opening

of the Court. The Case of Micah Spooner Admin
trator to Luther Pratt dec^d vs. David Pratt
father of L.P. was presented to us. The action
was for damages for the destruction of a deed
which D.P. had given to L.P. for ½ of D.P's
property or farm and which he got possession
of by improper means. — Verdict damages
$91.50/100 — An action for the recovery of the prop-
erty may be brot. by the heir, a daughter, when
of age if by her guardian before that time —
Jn^o S. Russell Called one or twice in
the Course of the day at our lodgings
3^d day 27^th I walked before breakfast
to the Stone Cotton Manufactories about
a mile north of the town — the Court
opened at ½ 9 o'Clk and held through the day
with the exception of an hour for dinner
The Case of Oliver Howard vs. Enoch Woo
ward for taking Certain property in Satisfac
tion of an Execution against Nathaniel Ind
belonging to the former but in possession
of the latter verdict for the plaintiff
Jn^o S. Russell & Thos Ellis Damon Sheriff

of the latter called at our lodgings.—
4th. day 28th. Called with ma Chen & little
Son &c to see Lydia Russell at Thos. Parsons
and Mrs. Parsons the weather was very fine and
we took a circuitous way home to enjoy
the rural Summer Scene — Our Jury had
the Case of John Harris vs. Elijah & James Har-
ris (brothers) verdict for Plaintiff — —
5th. day 29 I walked before breakfast to the Weir
bridge, and repeated the same walk to a
greater distance and examined some brick
Kilns prepaid for burning after the adjourn-
ment of the Court in the afternoon — Our jury
to day had the Case of Gilmore vs. Amos Holt,
Goldsmith & Russell for impounding a drove of
Cattle at Andover. — verdict for Defendant
6th. day 30th. Our jury had to day the Case of Syl-
via Wilbur vs. her brother Enoch Wilbur & Sheriff
S. Wilbur & his brother Albinus for assault & battery &
trespass for taking a watch as the property of Jo-
siah Wilbur late of the Plff. — verdict for the
Plaintiff (damages $ 92.50). Spent the eve'g with
ma Chen at T. Parsons' S. Russell and

took tea with us —

7th. day 7th. mo. 7 — Our Jury had the Case of Abby vs. Bacon for payt. of a note given by the latter in part pay. for a horse sold by the former Verdict late in the day for Plaintiff. — when the Court adjourned without day — J. T. Russell & Lydia Shelhorse took tea with us on Called of ter —

1st. day 2d. — left Taunton soon after 5 o'clk this morn. breakfasted at Hampton and arrived at home at ½ past 11 in a Carriage with Jno & Russell — the journey was very pleasant and we had the satisfaction to find our Family and Children well Called at Fathers where they were pretty well but Aunt Rotch is very ill with a return of her former disease — attended mg. Mtg. —

2d. day 3d. Spent some time at my house lot where the workmen have been at work for the most part and Went some time at the Cyprus Swamp &c — rest of the day in researches respecting time — Thos. & Lydia Greene drank tea & Spent the evg. with us —

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3. day 4th. Spent the day in reading at home — This being the Anniversary of the Independence of the U. States it was passed by many as a Holyday or in religious Commemoration an oration was delivered by my Cousin Thomas Rotch — I called with ma Chere & ar Uncle Williams — found Aunt Rotch very ill indeed. — the termination of this attack is awaited with great anxiety —

4th day 5th. Spent the forenoon partly at the inst. for Savings — afternoon attended a meeting of the School Com.e and attended with Jo.s Congdon to the levelling of the Site of my house. Took tea with ma Chere at Fathers where were Jo.s & Anna Rotch and some friends from Trenton —

5th day 6th. Spent most of the day in measures relating building — attended meeting. — Called in the evg. at Cousin Jo.s Rotch's with ma Chere to see Edith Sterling & her niece who were alluded to in my note of yesterday — Aunt Rotch continues very ill — & the anxiety of her relations contin-

ces unabated.

6th day 7th Principally engaged in reference to operations on my house lot. Called with Ma Chew to Rebecca Fisher & her sister at Benjamin's. Called also to see Grandfather W.J. engaged at the C.J. house — Same Rota continues without material alteration.

7th day 8th Engaged forenoon at my house lot and the C.J. Room. afternoon rode to Mattapoisett on some business relating to the house & lot which I sold on acct. of L. Winslow & Wm R. Rodman took Ma Chew & the twins. the jaunt was delayed an hour or two by rain, but was extremely pleasant and joyous to the Children — Called in the eve at Charles, Sister Sarah being unwell

The labour of preparation for my new house commenced by beginning to dig the Cellar and well on the 27th ult. while I was absent at Taunton, by Williams Read & Godfrey Brown as undertakers, on my return the first of this week I found

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the Well about 8 feet Deep and the Cellar partially Scooped out so as to indicate its intended Size — for this work I should judge that there had been on an average 7 men & from 1 to 2 Pr. of oxen employed — the Cellar is brought to its depth on the Eastern side but there remains Considerable Earth to be removed on the West side — The attention for the last 3 days has been almost exclusively devoted to the Well — water appeared at about 8 or 9 feet — but in small supplys — and the quantity though Continually increasing is not yet large although the Well is now 18 or 19 feet — the extensive oozing of the water has caused the Earth on the west side to Cave in Considerable. so as to impede the progress of the work, and to day if no Considerable caving should take place to morrow & the intervening nights Care being taken that the water should be pumped out so to keep it

from rising materially I will probably finish the digging and place the stones on the bottom so as to prevent further trouble — Aunt Rotta seems to be a little better to day

1st day 9th Attended meetings, walked after the last to Wm H. Swains home tarried rest of the day at home —

2d day 10th Engaged most of the forenoon at the C.G. house, a considerable part of the afternoon also spent there — the men at my well finished digging about noon. having reached the depth of twenty feet from the original surface of the ground terminating a ledge of rock on the north side and another on the south of considerable density the intermediate space of about 4 feet being filled with a softer kind of rock which was dug out to about the depth of 2 feet with sharp picks or bars without recourse to blasting this forms a cup in the rock for the bottom of the well and affords a solid base

for the Stone work — The Springs which supply the water are not very abundant but it is probable that the water will rise to the height of 60 or 8 feet and furnish an ample supply for ordinary uses during the dryest seasons — walked after tea with Mrs Shire to Grandfathers but as he had retired to his room did not see him — Continued our walk to our home lot and that of Wm W Swain and stopped an hour at Charles Morgans, Sister Sarah quite sick yet & confined to her room —

3d day 11th Eno aged considerably at the C.G. house, attended at the Inst. for Sawings — went several times to my home to where progress is making in Stoning the well 5 & 6 men engaged — The great size of the excavation, requires a vast quantity of Stones to fill in between the cast & the facing Stones. (Probably 9 1/4 ft. in ext. diam.) It is probably now half Stoned. Rec'd Prof. & Lydia Greene & Aunt the evening with us —

4th. day 12th. Occupied most of the day at the C. House. rode out to my lot in the afternoon where hay making was going on. had light load of white weed brought in week before last — yesterday one brought in & a cart load & 1 horse &c to day 2 horse & Cart &c — had a small party of our relations on acct. of Rebecca Fisher & her sister Mary Wells at tea —

5th. day 13 — Spent most of the day at home. two of our family Rebecca & Harriet being absent on a jaunt to Fall River. attended meeting — got in 2 loads of hay the last of my Crop. — in good order whole quantity probably 4½ Tons — I omitted to note yesterday that we had a Religious visit from Elizabeth Robinson an English friend who was at meeting to day. She appears like a sincerely devoted Christian to the requisitions of duty. and rather an edifying preacher. —

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6th day 14th Spent part of the forenoon at the G. house, called with Ina Chew & C. to see Samuel Janney his wife & sister from Alexandria and invited them to dine with us, which the two first mentioned did — the sister Ann Ellicott was prevented giving us her company by the shower which occurred suddenly & by some engagements incident to the consecution of their journey in the afternoon. — They left town for Fall River in Bro Benj Dearborn about 5 O Clk. — Gave some attention to operations at my lot — called with my Ho. at Charles Sister Sarah being more unwell to day — afterward called at Jn. Howland Jr. finding them out, took a turn in their fine garden and, spent the ev. with Thos & Lydia Greene at their new lodgings, at Mrs Tallman's —

7th day 15 Spent most of the day at home reading omitted newspapers. Drank tea at Grandfathers where was a dinner

party for Rebecca Fisher & sister to which we were also invited —
1st day 16th Attended meetings — the Service in the forenoon was by Elizabeth Robinson — and in the afternoon by Willet Hicks — both acceptable and edifying — Sister Sarah mends slowly
2d day 17. Engaged most of the day at home, and also the eve — Spent some time at the G. Hse & at my house lot —
3d day morng. 18th About 12 o'Clk. last night I was wakened by the cry of murder in the neighbourhood. it appeared to proceed from a person in the street coming from the ark and going up water Street. I heard the cry not very loud many times till the sound was lost in the distance. I got up & went to the window, saw several persons passing in the direction which by the sound I judged the person making the cry to have taken — went to a window which looks towards the ark. saw lights in various parts and heard much talking but the rustling of the leaves

of the elm tree in the yard, by the wind which was high prevented my understanding anything — retired again to bed & heard nothing further — H. Holt heard the cry earlier than I did when it clearly proceeded from the ark. I have not heard any particular cause for the disturbance. but such is the character of the families inhabiting that disgraceful building and that of those who frequent it that it will not be at all strange if murder should be committed in their drunken an libidinous orgies — a woman who had been at the infamous scenes of the establishment hung herself about 2 weeks since —

5th — I have not heard the particular cause of the disturbance last night noted above — most of the families in the neighborhood were disturbed — Spent the day mostly at home — attended at the mtg. for Sufferings. & called a little while to see grandfather — eve. at home —

4th day 19th. Called at all at Grandfathers, and with ma Chace at A. Russells to see J. C.

Grinnell & his wife & their sister Mary & I dined at Jathers, where were Billet Hicks & Rebecca Fisher & her sister Mary Wells and a family party including cousin Mary & Cousin Eliza Rotch &c &c Fra & Anna & Wm B.R.. C.J. joined by mer Chire at tea Temple Bodoin was a Gentleman from England was introduced in the evg 5th day 20th. Attended Meeting and gave some attention to the laying out of the lines for my house by one of the Masons John Vandewinder preparatory to beginning the work tomorrow. Had the company of Billet & Hicks of New York to dine also that of Father & mother & sister Eliza. The three latter took tea & Spent the evg with us

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6th. day 21. This day the Pennsylvania Masons Jno. Vandewinder & 4 others with their tenders began to build the Cellar wall of my house — my time considerably occupied with & pained in that business &c — C.J. passed by at the C.J. house in Jeru: at home

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7th day 22. Engaged at home through the day making plans of my house for the workmans government. E.J. troubled with a headachy which forbids exertion —

4th day 23. It being necessary that I should go to Fall River about some of the materials of my house. Set off in time to reach there at meeting time, which I attended — after taking the necessary steps in relation to the object of my journey dined at Mrs Cook's and after walking about the place returned and reached home at sunset — Rebecca Fisher & Mary Mellen called in the E.J. also Sister Eliza & Benj.n —— I went home with E & called there and at Sister Annas. Left Sid.w busily employed at Fall River erecting his dam —

5th 24th — Forenoon Spent at the E.J. house & and at my house lot & afternoon, in reading papers at home. E.J. walked out with Ina Chace and Called to see Sister Sarah who is slowly recovering

3d. day 26th. Devoted most of the day in attending to my operations in building &c made a few Calls with ma Chas B & the Children in the Gig Thos & Lydia Greene & Lydia Russell & her sister Hannah Stacy drank tea with us — attended at the Brick for Sat. 4th day 29th. Forenoon at the Cy. house & house lot afternoon went with ma Chas B & the twins to Westport to meet Sisters Phebe & Ellen whom we expected to arrive in the Stage from the Steamboat. They did not Come according to our expectation and we returned about 8 O. Clock, the reached home ride rendered somewhat unpleasant by indications of a thunder gust — The time in the Country was passed very pleasantly & probably with advantage to the Children who enjoyed much, the Change of scene. 5th day 27th. — Spent a considerable part of the day in researches and occupations relating to building. attended meeting. Called with ma Chas B on Uncle & aunt Hazard, who arrived day before yesterday from New York. and dined

with them at Fathers, with Uncle & Uncle Wm & Andrew & Anna. The other branches of our family who are in health being on an excursion to Honeoye &c has had a very heavy shower here about 3 Oclk 1½ in of water fell — The party on the Nick. had no rain —

6th day 28th The Masons got up my cellar wall as high as the underpinning, or about as high, about 9 Oclk this forenoon. The shower yesterday prevented their finishing it thus far on that day. — Went with mess Chen & Mc Macy to see a Lion & Lioness Leopard & Tiger &c, and spent the forenoon mostly at the Cg. house. Afternoon there & at home in expectation of the arrival of Sisters Phebe & Eleanor. They arrived about 7 Oclk having left N. York in the Steam boat at 3 Oclk yesterday they came under the protection of Jo. Grinnell — Spent the Eve. partly at Jno. Thornton's and partly at Jos. Potts's to see Jos. Smith his bro. in law from Phila —

7th. day 29th. Forenoon principally spent at the Mg. house — Afn. of the Day spent partly there & partly in personal occupation at my house lot — Mg. at home

1st. day 30th. Attended meetings — Called at Uncle Williams with Ma Chin & Sister Phebe, the former accompanied Aunt Hazard to Mg. — Called with Sister P. & to see Grandfather with whom the latter rode to Mg. Called in the Mg. with Ma Chin & at C. Russells Lydia being unwell. Dr Read made a Social call

2d. day 31st. Walked before Breakfast to my Grass lot &c — bathed in the River near the lot. Called with Ma Chin to see Sarah Sprindle & Mary Sanford. The Afn. of the Day Spent at the Store — Mg. prin. at home

3d. day 8mo 1st. Engaged a considerable part of the day on a reference relating to the Will of Gideon Howland Dec'd — Attended at the Inst. for Savings. and was busied [illegible] in making a linear draught of my contemplated house

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Called about sunset at fathers. with sisters Ellen & Phebe — after returning home we had a Call from Bro. Ben & Sister Susan —

4th day 2. Spent part of the forenoon at the Academy. afternoon party engaged at my home lot. otherwise principally occupied at the Cf. house. drank tea & spent the eve. at father's —

5th day 3. attended meeting and occupied with my plans & building &c. the forenoon. afternoon went to Mattapoisett to give the deed &c of the Moore house & lot and take up my bond. — took sister Ellen & ma Chen & the twins — had a pleasant jaunt and got home at sunset; eve at the Cf. house —

6th day 4th 7th day 5th I spent the 4th mostly at the Cf. house. at work part of the day on my plans, dined at A. Robeson's with ma Chen & sisters Uncle & Aunt Hazard father & mother & Aunt Mary — also took tea there Cate in the evening occasioned by an extraordinary popular excitement

in our neighborhood which made it appear necessary for me to remain through the day at home the object of the populace appeared to be the destruction of the Ark, the profligate character of the tenants & visiters being such as to have rendered it ever since its occupancy a standing reproach to its owner Asa Smith and to the town for suffering its continuance as an acknowledged or rather as a reputed brothel of the lowest Class. To the neighborhood it was exceedingly offensive by the Carousing which frequently took place there, the profane and lascivious Conversation and language which they were obliged to hear and the dissolute manners of the men towards the women which by reason of the conspicuous position and height of the building and the little restraint which governed the conduct of the tenants were forced upon the observation of the neighborhood for a considerable distance in a northerly & westerly direction. Endeavors had been used to induce the Selectmen to remedy the evil but they from a distrust of their powers or a belief that they could only

effect a partial & temporary remedy did not take any decisive measures, though it is reported that they did on the 4th give the Owner notice that he was complained of to the Grand Jury. Such being the apparent State of things. the feelings of the population were made more keenly alive to the disgraceful & not dangerous Character of the house. by the Suspicion that a White man had been murdered at some Small house of bad Character kept by People of Colour in Dartmouth about 1 Mile from this Village. and although no satisfactory evidence appeared to establish the fact; it resting on the testimony of some boys who were gathering Whortleberries in vicinity and discovered by treading upon the face of a dead man imperfectly covered by leaves &c. — Yet so strongly excited were the feelings of a part of our population on the Subject that it is said a plan was formed to destroy the arks on the night of the 3d but was prevented from being executing it by the Circumstance of the death of a Child there & the Corpse remaining unburied. When

it is said that they then proceeding to the neighborhood where the murder was supposed to have been committed and destroyed 3 small houses & a barn which was also inhabited by persons of bad Character. It is a fact that the buildings were destroyed on that night. On the succeeding day much conversation took place in town relative to the destruction of the houses mentioned, and it was reported through the day that the ark was to be destroyed the next night. The report was so current that I doubted from its publicity, the determination of the intention. but about Sunset it was apparent from the throng in the streets in our neighborhood that something was meditated or expected. Some of the tenants for there were five families in the ark took the alarm and removed their things and left the building. but a number remained and it was said were prepared with hot water & stones to resist an attack should it be made. Soon after Sunset the Crowd was was considerably increased and stones began to be thrown at the building, it is presumed by boys, which was continued with occasional small inter-

missions till the tenants were Cleared, which was finally effected by bringing a Cannonade with demonstration indicating an intention to fire upon them — this induced the inhabitants to leave the building which they did unmolested about ½ past 9 or 10 O'Clock. — It should be observed that the people had not no powder and that this was only a stratagem which as I think fortunately succeeded, as ~~many~~ ~~lives~~ lives might have been lost if the possession had been gained by assault — after possession was obtained they went deliberately to work to destroy the building, this cost them much and severe labor, for it was unexpectedly very strong. about ½ past 2 O'Clock they had got most of the sides boarding Knocked off, all of the partition & some of the rafters & roof down — at this time a fire showed itself a little westerly of the place of the demolished Chimney which kindled rapidly when the persons on the building, and without appeared surprised and called for water, but no conveniences being on the spot to pass water the people ~~appeared~~ seemed alarmed and imme-

diately actuated with precipitation crying fire — the Combustion ~~progressed~~ went on with great rapidity. and before the engines could be got there and ready for operation the fire had spread throughout the shattered structure and communicated to Genl Lincolns barn and the adjacent buildings contiguous to the ark viz on Smiths lot and Wm W. & Th. Swains ~~Off~~ Coopers shop & Try works. those buildings were Consumed. but the other buildings a little more remote viz Smiths House & Wm W. & Th. Swains' Dwg. Mans which Caught fire were Saved. the weather as to wind was very favorable it being almost Calm; burning Cinders fell on our house and many other buildings particularly our neighbor Lincolns but with a little attention they were safe — Thus terminated about Sunrise the riotous proceedings of the night: proceedings which although provoked by the occurrences real or supposed at the settlement of the ~~Disp~~ disposed people of Colour at Dartmouth, and justified in the view of the actors by the infamous Char-

acter of the house, and the alleged insufficiency of the existing laws to afford a thorough remedy to the evil, is much to be regretted. ~~In the~~ As the Civil Law had not been tried, the impression of its inadequacy had not been ~~that~~ proved; it might be incorrect, and regular measures should always precede at least, even in cases of the magnitude in question, ~~a~~ recourse ~~is~~ to the dangerous expedient of popular violence. — although there are reports of some serious accidents it is gratifying that there were none to endanger life. It is a fact that a most aggravated nuisance is eradicated, and done too doubtless on the part of many of the actors with laudable motives, and in which they have the sanction of probably a large majority of the inhabitants, and although the means are, from their rashness and illegal character, not to be justified, & the example it exhibits of the popular feeling on the score of the profligacy which has characterized a large part of the Coloured inhabitants or residents

of our Town, it is hoped will be of permanent usefulness in some degree in restraining the licentiousness of their Conduct, and more particularly in deterring any Citizen of a different Class from outraging decency and the obligations of the social relation, as in the Case of the owner of the ark, by Concentrating in the heart of a respectable neighborhood such prolific seeds of moral pestilence — The loss of the latter is judged to be from 1500 to 2000 —

1st. day 6th — Attended meeting. Sister Susan & A. Robeson & Benj.n & Wm S. Russell call on us in the Course of the day or evening —

2d. day 7th Spent the forenoon at home afternoon principaly at the Ct Room in Reading &c — Called in the evg. to see Lydia Russell with Sister Susan.

3d. day 8th Engaged forenoon in domestic arrangements about home Read &c Attended at the Board of Investment of the Institution for Savings. Uncle & Aunt Hazard, Uncle William, Father & mother & Sisters Eliza & Anne dined with us. Sister Susan & Benj.n joined us

at tea and Aunt Mary in the ev'g.

4th day 9th. Spent most of the day at home & at the Cg. house in Scientific researches, drank tea at Grandfathers with the other ma Chin & P sisters —

5th day 10th. I have been occupied at the Cg. room most of the day — attended meeting — ev'g. at home Sisters P. & Ellen dined at father's.

6th day 11th. Engaged about home most of the forenoon, on acct of our Chin H being quite unwell through the night — Dr Rew was called A.M. — her symptoms approaching to those of Colera Morbus — She is better at present though not wholly relieved and affected also with a severe Cold — afternoon ~~at the~~ I spent in researches at home or at the Store, ev'g. at home. Sister Anna & Andrew Called — 4 3/4 inches of hair has fallen in the course of last night & to day —

7th day 12th. Forenoon spent in making some enquiries of intelligent mechanics relative to a Contemplated machine which

I think of Constructing for breaking Stones for building — Dined with my Sisters Ellen & Phebe at Grandfathers. when were Uncle & Aunt Hazard & a few Others of the family Connexion — Ann Chace H. is considerably declined by yet much unwell took tea at home and Called in the eveg. at Tho.s Rotch's with Sister Ellen. We had 3 36/100 in of rain more last night and this morg. with much Thunder & Lightning — the Roads & Streams so full of water that some bridges have been Carried away and the road to Fall River was so flooded that travelling was interrupted in that direction A.d Roberts & C.H. Morgan attempted to go to that place but were obliged to return —

1.st day 13.th attended Meeting A.M. Dined at our fathers. with Jn.o Hicks of New york who took tea with us — Andrew Called in the evening — The great rain prevented my going to Mg. this afternoon

2d. day 14th. Spent most of the forenoon in giving directions relating to my Machine & at the Q. Room the afternoon & the Store till towards the Close middle of it called with Dr. Spooner at the Town School in the South District on a message to the master attained to the wf. & remained at home except Calling at Benj. Cox for sisters Ellen & Phebe—

3d. day 15. Rode with Ma. Chace H. to Smiths Mills in the forenoon. the remr. of the day principally at the Store. Drank tea & Spent the evg. at Cousin Sarah Arnolds with Uncle & Aunt Hazard and Father & mother Uncl Wm & Aunt Mary & Ma Chace H & Sisters Ellen & Phebe

4th. day 16th. Spent the forenoon principally at the Store. — afternoon Called with Ma Chace H. on Aunt Hazard who leaves town to morrow with Uncle for Narragansett— the latter Called on us to day to take leave— evg. at home

5th. day 17th. Spent the forenoon at the C.J. house & at meeting afternoon principally in giving attention to preparing & placing logs to drain my new cellar. C.J. at Sister Anna's where we took tea — Uncle Hazard & aunt went to day to Fall River ~~via~~ with Another in her Carriage to call at Sister Lydia's on their way to Newport, —

6 day 18th. } In giving attention to the operations
7 " 19 } at my house on the 17th. I exerted my-
1 " 20 } self in an unfavorable position
in lifting a log which caused my back & premises
to ache so as to confine me to the house, on
these three days — Some of our relations
Called on me in the time —

2d day 21st. Spent most of the day about
home — made some Calls &c. had
the Company of Henry Grinnell & Mary
Minturn (H.G.'s wife being unwell with a Cold
did not ~~give~~ accompany them) and John
Brown & Sister Eliza at Tea.

3d day 22. Spent much of the day at the C.J. house
attended at the Inst. for Savings —

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4th day 23. Spent the in attending at the Cg. House &c — drank tea with Sister Phebe at Cousin Caroline Rotch's Sister Ellen was detained at home by a Cold & Ma Chin H staid with her

5th day 24th — engaged about home most of the forenoon — the other part of the day spent at the Cg. house — Wm. partly at home — preparing to go to Boston to-morrow in Comp.y. with Ch. H. Morgan. —

9th mo. 1st Returned this day from Boston in the Stage through Dorchester. Quincy Weymouth Abington Bridgewater Middleberry &c dined at the latter place. the week of Absence was spent as follows — 8 mo. 25th — took the Stage via Taunton Sharon &c dined at the latter place — passengers Tho.s Elliot & his Son of Baltimore & M.r Holmes, a minister of this town, to Taunton — took lodgings at the Exchange Coffee-House. — 26th (4th day) Rose early & walked to the New Market which was opened that morning for the first time for the Sale of the usual articles of meats Fish Vegetables & Fruit — it is a noble Structure

and with the elegant rows of Stores on each side and running parallel are ~~for~~ unequaled in elegance & apparent solidity or durability by any thing in this Country — they are composed of ~~the~~ granite beautifully wrought — called at Jos. P. Bradlee's & Jos. Bradlee & Co's. — 27th

1st. day We took seats in the Stage to Salem and made a visit at Uncle Dan's which was very pleasant — walked considerably about the Town and returned in the Stage after tea to Boston — I attended a meeting in Essex St. while Ch. R. Morgan went to call on one of his friends — 28th. 2d. visited with Jos. P. Bradlee the State Prision, & Navy Yard & Bunker's Hill, in Charleston. Rode out to Roxbury towards ev. to S. Perkins's & Co's Painted Carpet Manuf.

29th. 3d. day Dined with Jos. P. Bradlee, visited with him the State House the Genl. Hospital & Hosp. for the Insane, &c &c, and in the afternoon with him this wife the House of Industry in South Boston — returned with our friends to tea and spent part of the eve.

30th. 4th day — Attended the Commencement

Exercises at Cambridge. Called at Dr. Waterhouse's — and after taking tea at our Lodgings called at J. P. Bs — he having kindly attended us to Cambridge, with us was our Cousin Thos. Fisher of Phila. who arrived in Boston the day previous — 31. 5 M. I went again to Cambridge to witness the anniversary Celebration of the Phi Beta Kapa Society. The Oration was by Judge Story & the Poem by Peabody. both interesting — Josiah Bradlee took me out — and I returned with him to dinner at a late hour. Cous. Thos. Fisher was also at Cambridge and dined with us — C. M. Morgan returned on that day to New-Bedford — I went to Athenæum with J. B. & Th. Fisher P. M., & to the Museum &c in the ev.

4th day 9 mo. 2. Sister Ellen left us this morning in the Stage for Newport to take the Steam Boat for Newyork, in Company with Edward Russell & his Sisters Sarah Grinnell & Mary Ann R. I remained at home much of the day on acct. of indisposition — Consequent on my visit to Boston and the Change of habits to which I was subject

1st. day 3 — I was prevented attending Meeting A.M. by a Call from my Father, went th. Mg. in the afternoon & in the Ev.g. Called at Uncle W.m Rotch's. Sri — Called at Fathers Aft.e.

2. day 4th. Gave some attention to my building lot & Materials. — ~~Called~~ also at the C.J. house Chs Babbidge dined with us. he has taught in the Academy for the last few months and is now about leaving to complete his Studies at the University of Cambridge — Ev.g at home — Sri Rotch Called on us for a few minutes —

3d. day 5th — Engaged ~~at H~~ about my Machine & Ev.g partly at the C.J. house, ma chez passed it at Cousin Frank's — Called at Amos' —

4th. day 6th. Occupied considerably in relation to my house materials &c the afternoon at the C.J. house. Drank tea with machine Fe & sister P at Mother's with a party of our relations. —

5th. day 7th. Engaged through the day principal

by in giving attention to getting my underpinning stones from the wharf to the house lot —
Drank tea at Sister Anna's — Our Rebecca took L.D. & Mary to her sister's out of town & spent most of the day.

6th day 8th — Engaged during the forenoon, as & about my house lot — afternoon busied in removing the Academy Library from the room in my Father's Stone Store to the room appropriated for it in the Academy building. J. H. W. Page being about to assume the station of Preceptor with the favorable prepossessions of the Trustees — he graduated at the late Commencement at Cambridge ~~and~~ with credit — he calls here this eve.

7th day 9th Occupied principally about my house &c except the morning spent in restoring the remainder of the Academy Library to its appropriate room. took some measures for completing my Stone breaking machine — W. partly spent in attentions subsidiary to the business of the day — called at Fathers —

1st day 10th Attended Meetings, and Spent the rest of the day at home — the latter part of the ev.g J. & W. Page was with us —
2d. day 11th — This day the Academy was reopened under J & W Page — most of the trustees in town were at the opening. 20 Scholars appeared & were admitted The Underpinning was placed on the front side of my house to day. & other branches of the work in active motion — attended this afternoon Ma Chere Ma. to Dr Bradley's room at Dr Baylor's to have her teeth attended to — Ev.g walked to my house lot & called at Fishers —
3d. day 12th — Spent the forenoon about my buildg &c — attended at the Inst.n for Savings and passed the afternoon at the Ch.s house Ev.g at home had the Comp.y of my Cousin Tho.s Fisher of Phi.a at tea &c
4th day 13th — Engaged at my house lot — &c &c attending to operations there, in the various departments now in progress. My machine for breaking Stones also took up some of my time. I ex-

put to hand it in at work to-morrow — had the Comp.y of D.r Read & his wife Lydia Hathaway & Tho.s & Lydia Green & J.n H. Page at tea —

4.th day 14. Spent the Day in attention to my building Concerns — and my Stone breaker which was tried to day & promises to be useful to.y at home

6.th day 15.th Spent the Day. in overseeing the completion of my Machine & giving a general attention to the operations of building — the frame of the first floor was put on to day —

7.th day 16.th Spent part of the the day at the Cg. Room & the rem.r at the house tot. to.y at home

1.st day 17.th Attended Meetings, walked after that & the afternoon with Sister P. by Wm. W. Swains house — called at Asthens in the ev.g and Spent some time at the Cg. room — devoted the rem.r to reading in the Volume of Cappes Sermons, they possess rare merit.

2.d day 18.th Engaged most of the forenoon at and about the new house & afternoon & ev.g at the Cg. house

3d day 19th Engaged forenoon at the C. room. afternoon at the house lot. Eve at home —

4th day 20th Engaged through the day at the house lot testing my machine &c It has not answered my expectations on trial and I think it will not be used to advantage had the Company of Andrew & Anna Thos Father Ch. H Morgan & Mary Smith Eliza Rodman & Lydia Greene at tea &c —

5th day 21 Attended M.G. & Spent the rest of the day viz before M.G. walking with Mrs Merritt & afternoon at the New house — the window frames of the lower story of which were set this afternoon except two — Eve. at home —

6th day 22. Spent the forenoon principally at my home lot. Dined at Andrew's with a fam. party & Mary E Smith & Th. Fisher — Spent some time at the town School. Dis. No 4 the Quarter ending to day. Eve. at Andrews. —

7th day 23. Spent the day mostly in attentions relating to My new house, made D. Bradley a

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visit as a subject for his skill as a dentist. Evg at home

1st. day 24 Attended Meetings. Called at Grandfathers with Mrs Chase. & sister Evg at home.

2. day 25th. Occupied principally in relation to my building operations, Evg at home

3. day 26th. Engaged at the Counting house & made some attention to buildg. Evg at home Jno. Page called

4th day 27th. Gave my attention in the forenoon principally at my house Dined at Fathers & spent the Evg a party for Mary Harrison & her Sister Julia. Called to enquire after Wm B. Rotch's health & to offer my services, he being ill with Dysentarick symptoms rather more favorable.

5th day 28th. Devoted the past day principally to my building operations; obtained on the acct. of them from meeting Evg principally at home executing a Plan of an alteration in the roof to accommod

an observatory. Called at Andrews & Fathers

6th day 29 Spent the forenoon at my building lot & afternoon & eve. at home. Reading in relation to building

1st day 30 Gave my attention principally to my building operations. — The 2d Story flooring principally on this afternoon & eve. at home

1st day 10 mo. 1 Attended Meetings. Called at Grandfathers to enquire after Wm B Noble who has yet experienced no mitigation of his disease. and his friends are anxious as to its result — Thos & Lydia Gummere & Mary Smith Spent the eve. with us & And.w Called with his sons Thos. & William who returned yesterday from School at Northampton

2. day 2. Gave some attention to my house Calling with Mrs Chew to see my niece Sarah Fisher lately married to Wm. Wistar and her sister Elizabeth & Mary Newton a cousin of theirs who did make of the bridal party — afterwards walked to Charlis & my own Houses with

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May 1st. Afternoon spent at the house lot — called [illegible] at Grandfather's Wm B. Rotch continues without amendment, his Case very Critical. called afterward to see my bro. Benj who returned yesterday from Phila with his little boy & the bridal party —

2d. day 3 Engaged most of the day about or in relation to my building — attended at the Inst. for Savings Called some at Grandfather's — Wm B. R. is not any better, and appears to be sinking under his disease — Called evg. at Fathers —

4th day 4th Forenoon principally devoted to my house. Afternoon at home reading omitted Newspapers. Eveg. spent in writing and at Grandfather's — to where I have called several times in the Course of the day — Cousin Wm continues without any more favorable Symptoms his Case appears more & more hopeless.

5th day 5th Gave some attention to business at the Office & home & in the fore part of the day. and passed the rest principally at home or at Grandfathers which is become a house of mourning. by the decease of

My Cousin Wm. B. Rotch at about 10 minutes before 10 O Clock this forenoon. Such is the sad event which has terminated the period of affectionate solicitude & anxiety on the part of his Relatives and friends which his illness occasioned. His amiable qualities gained him general esteem & he will be widely lamented. In the bloom & vigour of manhood he has fallen:—a striking instance of the uncertainty of health & life, and all their attendant blessings, which hope promises to our enjoyment here. but may this loss be amply Compensated to him his surviving friends by the rich reversion which religion promises to her votaries in a happier & a brighter State—
Our little Thos. is quite unwell this evg. so that Dr. Reed was Called to see him.—
6th. day 6th. Much of the day has been passed with reference to the melancholy event noted yesterday the remains of my Cousin were Consigned to our mother Earth about 4 O'Clk — The funeral solemnities evinced the respect and esteem of his numerous acquaintance. — Evg. Spent at home. Our little Thos. seems better —

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7th day 7th — Forenoon Spent at the Mg. house, afternoon attended the Funeral of Our neighbour Capt Jand Gardner's Grand Child — and a Mg. of the School Committee — eve. Called at Grandfathers & Spent the Evening part at home —

1st day 8th Attended Meetings — and except walking to my lot Spent the rest of the Day. & eve at home —

2d day 9th This Day has been Chiefly Spent in preparation for the Company of Fathers family & Andrews, the former comprising my nieces Sarah Winter & Eliz: Fisher & Wm & his Cousin Mary Winter. Sister Anna & Thos & Wm with the members of A's family — he being absent at Fall River till eve. Benj: was also here — Mary Smith was also accidentally here also at tea — I rode out of town with the Children in pursuance of the above ment. object —

3d day 10th Engaged partly at home & at the Mg. house A.M: P.M. at my house & lot — eve. at home Lydia Greene died & Thos Her husband took tea & Spent the eve. with us

4th day 11th A.M. at home. Cy. room & home lot. P.M. at home and at my farming lot Eve. at Sister Sarah's Family. Party for the Misses

5th day 12th Attended Meeting & Spent the rem of the day as well as the eve. at home, read Newspapers &c &c

6th day 13th Spent the day at the Store took tea &c at Aunt Rotch's where were my Fathers Family & guests — Weather Stormy. no work done at my home

7th day 14th Engaged at the Store. Eve. at Andrew's where I took tea with Sister Phebe Mackie & Friend then went with Friend to Mr. Mann's to tea

1st day 15 Attended Meetings. Called at Grandfathers with Sister Phebe — saw Cousin Eliza Rotch. — her Countenance indicated the affliction which she suffers from the death of her Bro — My niece Sarah Sister accompanied Sister P & self to Mr. Peleg's eve. at home —

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2. day 16th A.M. occupied in considerations relative to my house, P.M. principally at home. Called at E. Marchants paid from with my niece & M. Wister & sister H. & ma chen H. ev. Called at Mr. Kemptons, Fathers & at Sister Anna's — my niece Sarah Wister & her husband Called here in my absence and Spent an hour —
3. day 17th This day has been occupied by a jaunt to Fall River in company with Mother & Eliza & the Misses Canby & Brode with my niece Eliz. 2 Started at ½ past 7 & returned at ½ past 8 in the ev. — found Sister Lydia quite indisposed —
4th day 18th A.M. Rode to Smiths mills with ma chen H. and at the C.J. house. P.M. at D° — and my house lot H. ev. at C.J. house
5th day 19th Attended meeting, and Spent some time at the C.J. house. P.M. mostly at My house not ev. at home S. Thomas Called.
6th day 20 Engaged throughout the day at the C.J. house. Ev. occupied in relation to the Town School for the South part of the village

till the Closing of the mail When I joined the Bridal party at Cousin Mary Fleming's when miss Ma Chire Ne & sister at an earlier hour

7th day 21. A.M. engaged at the C.J. House & P.M. at home with Comp.y my nieces & Wm Wister Mary Wister mother sisters Eliza Anna & Sarah and Thos. & Wm Robeson who dined with us

1st day 22d. Attended Mg A.M. and Spent the rest of the day at home the weather being rainy. Called in the evg at Fathers to take leave of the bridal party who set off to Morrow for Boston father & Eliza bearing them Company.

2d day 23 Engaged most of the day at the C.J. house evg. also there — my niece Sarah her husband & their companions left town this morning with father & Eliza for Boston. Andrew & Anna with Thos & Wm and little Martha set off this morning for Northampton to leave their sons at School — The third floor timbers of my house were to day put upon the walls — Attended at the Inst.n for Savings

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3d day 24. Engaged at the Q. House & Mill. P.M. Thos R at my house to Henry Jeans took tea with us.

4th day 25 Occupied most of the day at the Q. house &c. Spent some time early and towards night at my house. There was a sever frost last night ice ¼ in thick so that the Masons could not work in the forepart of the day. Q. Principally at home

6th day 26 Attended Meeting. and was various occupied at the Q. house & for the rem[ainder] of the day. called in the evg with one Chr to see another who is almost alone & Father & Eliza & their Grand Children

6th day 27. Engaged most of the day at the Q house. evg. at home, Edward Hicks and his wife Spent it with us. The Masons on my house did not work this forenoon because the weather was cool. though fine Got in the stones from our field of Corn about 3½ Ton

7th day 28th 1st day 29th On awaking yesterday morning I found myself with symptoms of a

slight inflamation of the bowels — I arose but was obliged to take to my bed again. Dr. Whitridge made me two visits, & one to day his prescription had the desired effect. to that to day I have been below Stairs, and but little inconvenienced otherwise than by Confinement to the house — Brother was here yesterday & bro. Benj.a to day — he having returned this morg. from Taunton to return by 9 O'clk to-morrow to act as a Juror to the S.P. Court. 2d Session 2d day 30th — A.M. Spent some time at my house and attended to some business at the Cg. house &c — P.M. remained mostly at home, called at Fathers, bro.g. at home Father & Sister Eliza arrived from Boston via Providence —

3d day 31st Walked to my house with ma Chas & the Children A.M. Gave some attention there & to business at the Cg house, attended at the Ct's for Leaving and was engaged there considerably P.M. — Eve. at home. Sister C.a at Andrew's —

4th day 1st mo. Spent a considerable of the forenoon at my house &c Sydney Smith from New Haven who

is to teach the Monitorial School called on me I visited the School house with Wm & Dr Spooner, he dined with me — P. M. passed at the C.J. house eve. at home —

5th day 2. Engaged most of the day at the C.J. house. eve. at home. did not attend meet —

6th day 3. The masons completed today about noon, having been delayed several hours for a (window Cap.) the walls of my house for receiving the roof. I have been most of the day at the C.J. house — eve. at home, Called at Father. Father & mother who have been indisposed, are better but Sister Eliza, has been confined to her room for two days — Sister Anne's little Martha is also quite unwell with dysenteric symptoms.

7th day 4th Spent most of the day at the C.J. house eve. at home. The Carpenters put up the frame of the roof of my house to day.

1st day 5th Walked before breakfast — attended meetings — Called at Cousin Frank's Andrews & Fathers, eve. principally at home, Called at Uncle Williams —

2. day 6th Spent most of the forenoon in re-

lation to my building Pile & Eng & similar objects
3d. day 7th. Engaged through the day in relation to the public Schools called at the School in the South District. Bro. Partly on the Cg house J H N Page called
4th. day 8th. Engaged variously through the day in relation to Cg house avocations, building the Academy &c Evg. at home
5th. day 9th. Attended Meeting, gave some attention to my house, and was employed P M at the Cg Room. Evg at home
6th. day 10th. Engaged at the Cg house the morning of the day Evg. at home, Sister P. at Andrew's.
7th. day 11th. Gave my time to my house and some other objects Asa. Pile was engaged with reference to the Public Schools — Evg. at home with our Chess & sister P. at Andrew's
1st. day 12th. Attended Meetings. Walked with our Chess a mile out of Town, Evg. went to the 1st. Congregational Meeting Mr. Dewey gave a good Sermon Thos. & Lydia Greene called to invite us to go with them after which they returned & spent the evg. with us. as did Bro. Benj.

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2d. day 13th. Engaged variously through the day — Measured this forenoon with John Davis Diverter the master Mason the walls &c of my house which were to day Completed except the exterior coating. Evg. Partly there at the Q. house —

3d. day 14th. Attended at the Inst. for day &c. Spent the afternoon principally at the Town School in the South District. Called at Father's. Evg. at home —

4th day 15th. This Mg. was the time for launching the fine new Ship Thomas Dickason built by Jethro & Zachariah Hillman for Mysrs. C.W. Morgan B. Robeson & Dunbar Capt. Anthony & the builders. The tide was unfavorable and she stopped before she got quite off of her ways. By staging at low water she was moved about 15 feet further and settled off of her ways this evg. We hope to get her afloat with the tide of to morrow morning. Bro. Benj. drank tea with us and his Son Wm. Spent the day very kind &c —

5th. day 16 The early renewed & strenuous exertions of the men about the Ship Thomas Dickason were successful in getting afloat about 9 OClk this forenoon much to the satisfaction all concerned, without any apparent injury ~~except~~ attended with much pulling: and spent some time at the Cg. Room P.M. Evg. at home. had the Company of Thos & Lydia Speed Mary E Smith & Sister Eliza at tea —
6th. day 17 Spent most of the day at the Cg. house, evg. at home. little Thomas unwell with sore mouth: some fever & very restless D. Read called twice to see him —
7th. day 18th. Engaged at the Cg. house most of the day: Spent part of the Evg at Father's little Thos seems better.
~~7th. day 18th.~~ 1st. day 19th. Attended meetings. Called at Grandfathers. took a long walk before breakfast & also after meeting — rest of the day at home — Br. & Benj.[2] Called in the evg.
2d. day 20th. Engaged most of the day in relation to my house, fixing the North line &c which run about 3 ft. on the west on within the old pond

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Commenced setting the stone posts on this side, and found the ~~the~~ lengths of the lines as follows. West by Cy. road 38 r. 19/25. South 6 r. 2/25. East 36 14 1/25 R— ~~South~~ North 6 r. — Evg at home.

3d. day 21st. Spent the forenoon mostly at the Cy house, dined with sister P. at father's where were Lemuel Wells of Trenton Cousin Tho. Potts & a family party. Jos Chew ~~&~~ joined us at tea.

4th day 22d Spent the day chiefly in reference to my house, drank tea with Mr. Chew & at Andrews where sister P. dined with the same Company as yesterday.

5th. day 23d. Spent most of the day in attending to the operations at my new house ~~&~~ Evg. at home — Called at Charles' to see Lemuel Wells. The weather quite wintry Snowing most of the day.

6th. day 24th. Spent the forenoon principally in relation to my building operation. The work of setting the stone posts has been interrupted by the Snow which fell yesterday — had the

Company of father & mother Sisters Eliza Lee Ann Wells and Charles & Sarah Thos. Potts and bro. Benj. at Dinner, & Sister Anna at tea —

7th day 25th Spent most of the day at my house & lot &c, wf. at home — the studs of the partition of the lower Story are nearly all placed.

1st day 26th Attended Meetings, Called at Ch. Grandfathers & Fathers. wf. at home.

2d day 27 Spent the day mostly in relation to my house, lot, &c wf. at home J. H. W. Page Called in the eve.

3d day 28th Forenoon principally Spent at my new house &c &c. afternoon at the Cg. house Wheeling &c wf. at the Cg. house

4th day 29th Spent the forenoon in giving attention at my building operation and at the Cg-house, afternoon attended the distribution of the Quarterly prizes at the Academy, and afterwards at an informal meeting of the trustees. — wf. at home — The Academy under the present preceptor promises well —

6th day 11 mo. 30 — Attended Meeting, and walked after dinner with Mrs Chev H & sister & the twins to the new House, no work to day going on there on acct of its being Thanks giving day — Eve'g. principally at home. Spent a few minutes at a Meeting for organizing a debating Society — Lydia Green Spent the eve'g. of Thos. the latter part — they retired early from indisposition of the former —

6th day 12th mo. 1 Occupied A.M. at & about my house, afternoon at the G Rooms & Eve'g. at home — This first day of the Winter months has by its Sunshine & Showers and mild temperature had more resemblance to the weather of April than what is common in December —

7th day 2. Visited the Monitorial School A.M. Spent the afternoon at home and at my house for Elizabeth Wing Called and Spent a Considerable part of the day. her health is quite delicate so that she did not dine with the family. finding it necessary to lie down about dinner time. after the rest she had a religious opport. & addressed us. Eve'g. at home

1st day 3d. Attended Meeting. Called at Father & Andrews. Geo. T. Trimble of Newyork spent the eve'g with us. & I afterward called at Charles' & Benjamin's — Rebecca went to day to Newport.

2d day 4 Occupied most of the day with reference to an application from G. T. Trimble for information & respecting the Ship Thos Dickason with a view an overture for substituting her for the Panther in the [redacted]ne of Liverpool packets under the Care of Byrne Trimble & Co. The shortness of the time when she would be required to sail not admitting of her being ready the plan was not acted upon by him so far as to make any proposition. — W. J. Spent at Thos A. Green's lodgings where the reading Society of last winter was revived. Much [illegible] there. Bro's Benj.n & Charles and little Wm. dined with us —

3d day 5th The workmen finished Coppering the Ship Thos. Dickason to day. My time has been divided between my home the wharf & Ch. Room, attended in the Eve'g. a public lecture by Mr. Hinkley on

the advantages of a Knowledge of the French language. he wishes to have patronage as a teacher of French — Called afterwards with ma Cher Mr & sister at Andrews, sister Anna being quite unwell, though convalescent —
4th. day 6th. Engaged at the G. house wharf &c during the day Evg. at home
5th. day 7th. Attended the Quarterly Meeting, and was engaged at the G. house &c before & after Mtg — Evg. at home —
6th. day 8th. Engaged in business relating to the Academy & in attending a meeting of the Trustees A.M. — afternoon in family business, walked to my lot, & at the G. house. Evg. at Andrews where with ma Cher Mr I drank tea, called also at Sister Sarah's, Charles being yet absent at Nachan, — Sister Anna is quite unwell threatened with serious illness —
7th. day 9th. Engaged most of the day on a commission with David Kempton & Wm. R. Kempton for setting off to Benj. Hill one fourth part of the real Estate belonging to the heirs of Samuel Kempton dec. Rode about 6 miles to view a remote

or obscure wood lot situate in Dartmouth gave some attention at the C. house and was this part of the evg. on particular business with an individual —

1st day 10th. Attended meetings, Called at Father's, Andrew's & in the evg. to see J. H. H. Page Esq: of the day & evg. at home & took a walk before breakfast —

2d. day 11th. Engaged most of the day with my colleagues ~~made~~ in sitting &c in pursuance of the warrant from the Court. the portion of Benj: Hall & his wife in her right of one fourth part of the real Estate in this Commonwealth of which Lemuel Kimpton late of New Brunswick in New Jersey died seized — Evg. had the Social Reading Society at our house —

3d. day 12th. Devoted the day & evg. principally to the completion of my duties relative to the partition of the Real Estate mentioned in my note of yesterday —

4th. day 13th. Engaged most of the day at the C. house &c. evg. at Abm Russells. where was a small party —

5th day 14th. paid some attention to business before breakfast, and read before Mg. attended Mg. Thos & Lydia Grubb dined with us and remained at home. through the afternoon & most of the evg. they left us before tea, gave attention to objects relating to the Lancasterian School.

6th day 15th Engaged part of the morning ready for Mg. at the Academy &c Afternoon at the Office. Evg. at home, had the Company of Cousin Eunice Tracy & father & mother at tea; the former is quite blind. an inflammation of the eyes a few months since was the Cause.

7th day 16th Variously engaged. Still. Pretty occupied with reference to my house Evg. at home. Rachel & Sister P. Thomas the evg. at Lydia Grubb's Lodgings.

1st day 17th Attended Meetings; Called at Grandfathers Fathers & Benj. T. Benj. Jr. Susan and their little daughter Elizabeth arrived to day from Phila. Walked before breakfast & after Mg.

2d. day 18th. Killed our two hogs to day. L Burke & others operators — I have given my attention mostly at my home where a beginning was made at covering the Observatory with Zinc — Estimated wt. of hogs 300 & 200 lb

3d day 19th. Occupied A.L. mostly in cutting up pork. packed down about 175 lb. — hams shoulders & chunks rubbed with 3/4 lb Salt petre 1/6 gl. Molasses & 6 lb Salt and put down to strike, a strong pickle to be added in a few days wt. prob'y 125 lb. Attended at the Inst. for Savings. aored P.M. to business at the Ch house & L.D. Buffington & wife dined with us, from Troy, W.S. at home B.R. called. — Sister P. at Charles' —

4th day 20th. Spent the day at home & at the Ch. house & W.S. Called with Mrs Chen & our Cousin J Ketchs. Charles And'w & father —

5th. day 21. Engaged most of the day at the Ch house & W.S. at home, detained from meeting by business

6th day 22d. Forenoon Rode out of Town with Mrs Chen & P.M. attended an examination of the Primary School in Dis. No. 14. Did some business at the Ch house. — W.S. at home. sent pickle to

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7th day 23d. Att. attended the examination of the Upper School in the Dist. No 4. P.M. engaged at the G. house, Eve. at home & Sup at home at the G house

1st day 24th. Attended Meeting & Called at Fathers Andrews Charles & Benj. Eve. at home

2d. day 25. Engaged most of the day at the G house attend in the eve. a Meeting at the North Baptist Meg house. Dem. at home

3d day 26 Engaged most of the day at my house where T. Philpot, a plumber from Boston is about erecting a water Closet &c Eve. at the Institution for Savings viz the Office, on business as Sec. of the Board of Investment with the Chairman of said Board preparatory to the semi annual exhibit of the State of the Institution

4th day 27th Engaged through the day in some domestic concerns, & at my house. Eve. attended the Meg. of the board of Trustees of the Inst. for Savings. Thos and Lydia Greene drank tea with us.

5th day 28th Occupied at my house &c; did not attend Meeting. Eve. engaged with my

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6th day 29 Spent most of the day at my house. The pump was to day put into the well, W.J. at home, Lydia Smith & Lydia Greene spent the afternoon here ~~visited~~ volunteers at the quilting frame, — their husbands came in the Eve. Sister E was also here

7th day 30th Principally engaged about my new House & in some domestic jobs. W.J. at home putting up a small Franklin Stove in our nursery.

1st day 31st This is the last note which I shall make in the year Eighteen hundred & twenty six, as in one hour more and it will be Numbered with the past. It seems in retrospect to have performed with Celerity its revolution, and to have been as regards my particular family & friends, generally prosperous & happy. One track of tender tears in the decease of my Cousin Wm. B. Rotch, and another in the death of my wife's Uncle Henry Haydock has marked its Course — May we profit by these painful admonitions and be ever grateful to the beneficent author of all our blessings — Attended Meeting & Called on Father's —

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Another year has dawned upon us. What may be its incidents is involved in a happy obscurity, that each prosperous event may have the charm of novelty, and that those of an opposite character may not pain us prematurely. May it course be marked by an increasing attention to the rectitude of our conduct and to ~~Cherishing~~ as far as may be in our power those principles & motives in our children our precious pledges of the truest relation which gives a new importance and given responsibility to our characters, — which will be the best guaranty for their happiness. We may then rationally hope for that peaceful tranquility and serene enjoyment which ~~with~~ the ordinary series of events, by the ordering of a beneficent Providence is fitted to yield, and be preparing with filial piety to recline with calm submission whatever of pain or sorrow may be allotted us in the future periods of our existence. I remained at home preparing my Metaphysical Sketch through the morning — till noon, after I was at the C. house & my new home & met in the

eve J. with the Reading Society at Robert Smiths, when Ma Chen H accompanied me.

3. day 2. Passed the morning principally at home, Attended at the Institution for Savings. — and Spent the afternoon principally at my new house eve J. at home making Calculations relative to the Inst. for Savgs.

4th day 3. Engaged most of the day in writing at home. Rode a short distance with Ma Chen H visited P & the Children in the Neigh. Spent some time at my new house. eve J. at home Lydia & Thos H Greene & Sister Eliza drank tea with us & J. Congdon Called —

5th day 4th. Engaged most of the day at my new House. Spent some time at the Cg. Room. eve J. at home reading some as — Visitants in the female department —

6th day 5th. Spent the forenoon mostly at my new house & at the Cg. house. afternoon at the Cg. house & eve J. at the Cg house & — Sister Eliza drank tea with us.

7th day 6th. Engaged most of the day at my N. house. Spent some time at the Cg Room eve J. at home

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1st day 7th Attended meetings, and called at Grandfathers Fathers Andrews & Charlis — Our little Thos. Continues quite unwell, with a severe Cold, attended with fever Dr Read made to day his 3d visit — Andrews Frederick has been unwell for several days and is threatened with a serious illness — Grandfather made me a present to day of a Counting house Knife with an ivory handle & paper Case, which he thinks he has had in his possession between twenty & eighty years — What a period of Memory!

2d day 8th Calculation to ascertain the aggregate amt. regular deposites of $1 per week in the New Bedford Instn. for Saving's for ten years beginning on the 2d. monday of Jany. the present year & ending on the 1st Monday of Jany. 1837 — gone into to ascertain the result is the Report of this Institution published in the last "Mercury" Depositer having reference to the present regulations of the Instn. assuming the Int at 5 ℔ ℂ — depositer in Instn 1st Monday of Feby $4 — of March $4. April 4, May $5. June $4. July $4. August $5 Sept. 4. Oct $5 = $39 amt. of any. interest 1st Monday Jany 1828 to make up the amt. due on the 1st Jany 1829 = the amt. for Cal. of Int. will be $52. and the same every succeeding year till 1837 when it will be the same with the

addition of $13 not entitled to Int.t — Therefore the deposits of the present year drawing Int. with the interest added will be thus 100 : r :: a : $\frac{ar}{100}$ & t : n :: $\frac{ar}{100}$ : $\frac{nar}{100t}$ int for specified n° of years. principal & int. therefore will be expressed by $a + \frac{nar}{100t}$ Then the Am.ts before stated with their interest will be $4 + \frac{4 \times 11 \times 5\frac{1}{2}}{100 \times 12}$ = $4.2017 for Feb.y: $4 + \frac{4 \times 10 \times 5\frac{1}{2}}{100 \times 12} = 4.1833$ for March — for April $4.1650 for May 5.1833 | June 4.1283. July $4.1100. Aug.t 5.1146 Sept.r 4.0733; Oct.r 5.0688 = $40.2283 am.t to Cr. on 1.st month of Jan.y 1828 — On 1.st Jan.y 1828 including three mon.s of 1827 not entitled to Int.t $53.9983. and the same for every succeeding year together with $13 of 1836 not entitled to interest — and the am.ts for the several years on the 1.st of 1837 will stand thus (a = log Prin.l + n times log 1.055) for 1828 prin.l $40.2283 + 9 times log 1.055 = $5.13 for 1829 = $82.86 : for 1830 $78.55 for 1831 $74.45 : for 1832 $70.57; for 1833 $68.45: for 1834 $63.40: for 1835 $60.10 for 1836 $56.97 for 1837. $54 & $13 without interest making in the aggregate $687.48

Engaged all forenoon principally with reference to my new house. Similarly occupied most of the afternoon exg. at the Annual Meeting of the Institution for Savings & at the mtg. of the new board of trustees

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3d day 9th Spent the forenoon at the G. House and the afternoon & mostly at my new house W. principally at home — called at bro. Benj.n & Andrew's — Our little Thos remains quite unwell — Obl. N. Morgan set off this day for Boston in his Gig — the stage having left him much to his disappointment and regret of his friends. The weather being very unpleasant, a N.E. rain Storm —

4th day 10th. Spent most of the forenoon at the G. house, afternoon mostly at my new house W. divided between the G. house & home, Called at Sister Sarah's and father —

5th day 11th Occupied through the day by operation at my house. for which reason I did not attend meeting. Called several time at Sister Sarah's — Charles got home this eve. he arrived at Taunton in time to take the stage so that he suffered no extraordinary exposure on the journey — Our little Thos remains yet quite unwell with his cold — attended this eve. with hoarseness & Cough —

6th. day 12th. Engaged A.M. principally in relation to the Ship Thomas Dickason. taking measures for getting Registered & Cleared at the Custom House — and to avoid the action instituted by Samuel Adams Welles of Boston against the Owners of s. Ship on acct. of procured & partially placed to be in readiness for use P. Fishes patent Iron Trusses — day afternoon & e.v. mostly at my New House forwarding the general operations and laying the drain for the sinks & other with water —

7th. day 13th. Attended A.M. to the burning of the kitchen Nursery & parlour Chimneys and devoted most of the rest of the day & part of the e.v. to the operations at my new house; the drain through the Cellar for the sinks & bathing room &c was completed — it being laid in brick & mortar round, water line was used and the lower half plastered with Roman Cement. as was also the sink pool in the middle of the passage of the Cellar. a Stench trap being formed with a flat stone placed vertically from the top covering

the whole being covered with 2 flat stones - the larger one to be removed for cleansing the pool when necessary. - in the Center of this stone is a small hole stopped by a wooden plug for conveniently ascertaining the State of the Cistern as to filth & water &c by sounding it with a rod -

1st day 14th. Attended meetings, and called at Andrews's where I went in the evg to attend sister Phebe home, rem[ain]d of the day & evg. at home, reading &c - -

2. day 15th Engaged most of the day at the Cg house, made several visits ~~&c~~ to my new house, evg. at Thos. H. Gyrene's lodging where our Reading Society Met -

3. day 16 - Occupied most of the day at my new house where to my relief Philpott finished his operation ~~&~~ relating to hydraulic apparatus - it having taken twice the time and Cost double of the sum which I thought I had reason to expect when I concluded to have those Conveniences. Lydia Gyrene dined & spent the afternoon with my wife. Thos.

also drank tea & spent the ev'g. here I was engaged part of the ev'g. with Ph.[a] at the C.[y] house

4.[th] day 17. Engaged at my house most of the forenoon to secure my hydraulic apparatus from the frost, the weather being extremely cold. afternoon at the C.[y] house, ev'g at home except calling at fathers on behalf of an indigent neighboring family from Ireland the wife having to day given birth to another child

5.[th] day 18.[th] The severity of the weather induced the Carpenters to suspend work at my house to day — I have been engaged at the C.[y] house since dinner — forenoon about home & at Charles' — when I made a long call looking over papers &c at the C.[y] house & ev'g. at home Lydia Lyman drank tea with us — Ph.[a] joined us in the ev'g.

6.[th] day 19 Engaged A.M. at home & at the C.[y] house. afternoon at the Town School in the South District ev'g. at the C.[y] house.

7.[th] day 20.[th] A.M. at the School in dis.[t] N.[o] 5: Ph.[a] met with the School Com.[n] — ev'g. at C.[y] house.

1st day 21. Attended Meetings and called at Fathers Andrews & Charles Hm. of the day & eve. at home — Bro. Benj.a & Sister Susan called —

2d day 22d. Spent most of the day at the Cg house or in other attention to business wf. at home where we had the Company of the Rel.d Society

3d day 23d. Engaged A.M. at the Cg. house. PM attended the funeral of Betsey Grinnell wife of Cornelius Grinnell Jr who died a few days since of Consumption at the farm of on Smiths Neck, She was brought into town for interment and, and the funeral was from her fathers Gilbert Russells. She was probably 40 years old and has left nine Children — wf. at the Cg. house — Attended at the Instn for Sav.s

4th day 24th Engaged in Cg house business through the day wf. at home

5th day 25 Engaged in Cg. house business through the day except the hours of Mg. which I attended wf. principally at home. Lydia Greene drank tea with us & Thos. gave us his company in the eve.g

6th. day 26th. Except some time spent at the new house I have been engaged in C[illegible] house business. eve. at Benj. Mc where met Chen H & Sister E. drank tea.

7th. day 27th. Spent most of the forenoon at the Benj house & in Objects relating to it. Pitt. most of the time at the C[illegible] house — eve. I accompanied my wife & Sister to one of the Dialectic Society

1st. day 28th. Attended Meetings and called at C.H. Morgans rest of the day at home — T.K. Evans called late in the eve.

2d. day 29th. Engaged most of the day at the C[illegible] house &: Spent some time at my new house. eve. Met with the Read. Society at B.W. Morgans

3d. day 30. At at my new House & the L[illegible] School. Pitt at the C[illegible] house eve. at home Cousin Frank drank tea with us

4th. day 31. Engaged through the day at the C[illegible] house eve. at home — I had my hammock taken from the pickle. — and lost my Satchel my knife — about 115 lb

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206th 5th day 1st Occupied almost exclusively through the day & eve at the Cg house — Ann Eliza drank tea with us

6th day 2. Engaged A M at the Cg house. Dined at Peters where was much Dean from Salem and some of the family circle much there was there at tea as was visiter P. at dinner

7th day 3. Engaged through the day and eve at the Cg house — Grandfather who has had for about 10 days past some symptoms of paralysis has been to day much more affected so as to be unable sometimes to articulate & use his limbs — these are considered by himself & his friends as the tokens of approaching dissolution, an event which he contemplates with much resignation. 4th I this eve. put the pickle from which my hams were taken a few days since to my beef which had remained since I packed it a few days ago with ~~saltpetre~~ sprinkled heavily with dry Salt — the mode now adopted is as an experiment by indifferent success heretofore warranted an attempt at improvement.

1st. day 4th. Attended Meetings and Called several times on Grandfathers, — he continues very helpless — but was got into his Chair when he remained through the day. We accompanied Anne Chase & Nite Shute to Ed. Wing's

2d. day 5th Devoted the day to my Cf. house duties & Sat. at the Reading Society at Lydia Gould's Tho. absent at Providence — Called at Grandfathers — he is much as quoted — Jencks' Alleviator used in moving him with much advantage

3d day 6th Engaged through the day on the Cf. house & Sent Jo Jennings — left on hand except Calling at Grandfathers in the [illegible] and to wait upon Letter from Charles

4th. day 7th Took a Sleigh ride this forenoon with the Children & Sister P. otherwise engaged at the Cf House, Called Annie at Grandfather's and assisted in getting him up & in getting him to bed in the eve. drank tea at Andrews where were Sister Sarah Gould & Wife &

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5th. day 8th. Spent some time at my new home which I visited with Mrs. Chen & gave some attention to my plans at home Mrs. of the day at the C.J. house & eve. at home

6th. day 9th. Called at Grandfathers & spent some time at my new house, and gave the Mrs. of the day & eve. to C.J. house duties.—

7th. day 10th. — Engaged through the day principally at the C.J. house — eve. partly at home, called on Andrews to see Capt. Worth of the Ship Roscoe who arrived to day with a full Ship —

1st. day 11th. Attended Meeting, called at Grandfathers afternoon & eve. & spent the rest of the day at home. Grandfather continues helpless but not attended with any positive pain or suffering —

2d. day 12th. Spent most of the day at the C.J. house — called at Grandfathers to assist in getting him up & again in the eve. to get him to bed — called also at Fathers & Andrews & spent some time at the C.J. house

3d. day 13 Spent most of the day at the C.J. house attended at the Inst. for Savings, called at

Grandfathers, and met with the Ready
Society at Wm. C. Hyde's. Sister E. dined
& tea'd with us.
4th. day 14th. Engaged most of the day at the Cg house
Capt. North of Ship Roscoe & my cousin H. Fisher of
Phila. dined with us. Principally at home.
5th. day 15th. Engaged at the Cg house most
of the day ~~and eve~~ except an hour or two
at my house Eve. had the Comp'y of Cousin Fisher &
Anna Rotch. Sister Eliza & And'w & Anna Chs
& Sarah Benj. & Susan & two cousin
J. Fisher
6th. day 16th. Engaged through the day at the
Cg. house & Upt's. many Eng. at Cg house
7th. day 17th. Occupied at the Cg. house &
drank tea with Sam at Sister Anna's
where were father & Sister E & Benj. & Susan
1st. day 18th. Attended Meeting & called at Grand
fathers, & spent the rem'r of the day at home.
2d. day 19th. Spent the morning at the Cg house
Eve. met the Ready. Society at Robert Smith's
3d. day 20th. Spent the day principally at the Cg house
attended at the Institution for Savings and gave some

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some attention at my own home — evg. at home principally — A Robeson called — The Brig Thos. Dickason which has been detained for the month past by ice spread her canvas for the first time to the wind — bound for Newyork but the wind being too much ahead to proceed she returned after stretching out in the bay and anchored in the outer harbor —

4th 21st — Occupied through the day at the Cg. house partly in relation to writing & executing a Will for Elizabeth Stackhouse. on whom I called several times — evg at home, Sister at Anna's —

5th day 22d Engaged at the Cg house through the day: evg at home; called a short time at Grandfathers — J & N Page called in the evg.

6th day 23d At the Cg house All. Dined at Fathers with me there were J & L Robt. T. Fisher & several of our family Each Evg at home except going to assist at Grandfathers —

7th day 24th Called at Grandfathers to lend assistance in the morning & have been Occupied principally since

by Cg house duties &c — Eve. principally at home. Called at fathers P.M. — and Spent sometime at the Cg house in the Eve.

1st day 25 Attended Meetings, and called at Grandfathers (to assist in getting him from his bed to his Chair) called also at fathers, & late in the eve. at Uncle Wms — The ship Thos. Dickason Sailed to day for New York

2d. 26th Engaged most of the day at the Cg. house &c, Called one or twice at my new house, eve. at home where the Read'g Society met. Sister & drank tea with us

3d. day 27 Spent the day mostly at the Cg house, attended at the Instn. for Savings. Eve. at home.

4th. day 28th Forenoon Spent at the Cg house & afternoon at the Academy the Quarter ending to day — Premiums were given and the State of the school encouraging. eve. at home. J Delano Called to electrify Sister Ruth for a Rheumatic affection of her neck & Chest

5th day 2 mo. 1. Attended Mg & Spent the rest of the day in attending to business. eve. at home

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6th. day 2d. Devoted the day to business at the G. house, Evg. at a party with Ma Chen H at Jno. Swains' —

7th. day 3d. Engaged most of the day at the G house Evg at home —

1st. day 4th. Attended Meetings, called at Andrs & Chalis & D Reads, — Evg. at home —

2d. day 5th. Engaged most of the day at the G house writing — Evg. at Chs. W. Morgans when the Read. Society met — Ma Chen H had a little blood taken for a fulness of habit by Dr Read —

3d. day 6th. Forenoon at the G Room & attended at the Inst. for Saving — Had the Company of J. H. W. Page & Thos. H Howland and C.W. Morgan & sister Eliza to dine with us the latter stayed to tea, Evg at home

4th. day 7th. Spent the day at the G house — Evg. principally at home, called at Uncle Williams & Fathers —

5th. day 8th. Engaged at the G house through the day Evg also partly spent there. Called at Grandfathers after breakfast to assist as I have done for 2 weeks past in get

ting him from his bed to the Chair, found my successor
C.M. Morgan there, and did not therefore assist — Grand-
father continues quite helpless —
6th day 9th. Spent the day over my books at
the C.G. house making trial balance &c & at home.
7th day 10. Spent the day principally at
the C.G. house, & partly there also —
called at Andrew's to attend Sister Phebe
home. She having drank tea there — M33 E37
1st day 11th. Attended meeting, and in the
evening went with Ann Chace & Sister P. to the
Methodist meeting from motives of Curiosity —
called at Grandfathers, he continues much
as for weeks past helpless but free from pain
2d. day 12 Engaged through the day in writing
at C.G.s or home — Sister Eliza took tea with
us — a Rain Storm prevented the meeting of
our Read.g Society —
3d. day 13 Attended at the Institution for
Savings — Came home attention to my home
and to the subject of another School house in the
South District & those Rem.ts of the day & part
of the Ev.g to C.G.s business —

12th 4th 3m: 1827
4th day 14th — Occupied at the C.J. house Through the day evg. at home —
5th day 15th Spent the day at the C.J. house. evg. at home had Tho.s & Lydia Greene to tea —
6th day 16th Gave some attention to my building arrangements &c. P.M. at the C.J. house Eve.g. at home — *
7th day 18th Attended meeting. Called with Ma Chew at Grandfathers. And alone at Chs. Cousin Franks — evg. at home.
1st day 17th — A.M. at the C.J. house &c. P.M. attended a meeting of the School Committee Eve.g attended a meeting of the Dialectic Society, the last for the season —
2d day 19th Engaged at the C.J. house &c. &c. — P.M. at the Bank & at my new House, evg. met with the Read.g. Society at Wm. E. Nye's
3d day 20th — Engaged most of the day at the C.J. house, ~~Eve.g. at~~ took tea & spent the evg. at Charlis, with ma Chew & sister —
4th day 21st Spent the day in conversing with different individuals in relation to our approaching election for Town Officers. Eve.g at

home - Sister Eliza drankten with us
& J.A.W. Page called -
5th day 22d. Attended with others of the School
Com.e at the Town Schools in the 4th School
Dist - which occupied the forenoon & afternoon
& eve.g at the C.J. house -
6th day 23d. Engaged through the day at the
C.J. House &c, Drankten at Grandfather's
with ma Chen & Sister, & Spent the eve.g at a
Caucus meeting relative to the Choice of Town
Officers &c & duties arising therefrom -
7th day 24th. Occupied at the C.J. house through the day
& eve.g. except for the time devoted as one of the Committee
for the Selection of Candidates for town Offices, and to
the attendance of the Caucus meeting in the eve.g after
which till a late hour I was at the C.J. house prepar-
ing my accounts for my contemplated absence of a few
weeks on a journey to Boston New York & Phila
This day I am 35 years old - tempis fugit
1st day 25. Attended meeting AM. and called at
Grandfather's. Spent the rem.r of the day & eve.g at
the C.J. house, an application of the day opposed to my general
habits & feelings, but rendered necessary on acc.t of my contemplated

journey to Boston & Phila. Our Edmund has been quite drooping to day. his throat & glands affected, had Dr. Read to see him who thought it might be the mumps which is considerably prevalent in town

2. day 26th. Assiduously engaged through the day in preparing for my journey — attended the election, where the ticket designed to effect a change in the habits of the place was defeated by the opposing citizens of Retailers &c &c — U.S. at the U.S. house, Called at Father's & Grandfather's to take leave

Mem. daily notes during my absence the form my absence to above are made at the beginning of Diary No. 7

6th day 4th Mo. 13th — Spent the forenoon in Calling on my friends and at my new house afternoon partly at home & partly occupied abroad — (Called at Grandfather's Father's Andrew's & Sister Sarah's) Evg. partly spent in writing — J. H. W. Page Called —

7th day 14th. Rode out to my lot A M with ma Cher M & the twins. to enjoy the fine air & sunshine — employed mostly afterwards at the U.S. house and at home —

1st day 15th. Attended Meetings, called at Ch. W. Morgans and walked a little after wg. Pd. ~~went off~~ and attended at a baptizing — went of the day & evg. at home — my nephew T. R Roberson called

2d day 16th Devoted the day & evg. principally to arrangements for prosecuting my building of barn &c

3d day 17th. Engaged in relation to the removal of my Masons operations in building barn &c at my new home lot — began to dig the barn cellar to day. Rode out of Town in different directions in furtherance of the same objects

4th day 18th. Engaged through the day in relation to my building operations, rode twice to the head of the river — evg. at home And wife Children Mentha & Hend drank tea with us — Thos & Wm spent the evg with us

5th day 19th. Occupied principally at the Cg. house — met in the evg. with the School Com. Thos & Lydia Green drank tea with us

6th day 20th. Engaged most of the day & W.J. in relation to my house & principally with the subject of Marble Chimney pieces. Drank tea with Mr. Chester, Sister & the Children at Fathers.

7th day 21st. Spent the day principally in attention to subjects connected with my building operations & Several masons from Pennsylvania having arrived to build my barn &c &c — W. at home — gave some attention to Cs. house business in the course of the day.

1st day 22d. Attended meetings and spent the rem: of the day & W.J. at home.

2d day 23d. Spent the day in relation to my building operation, the Penn.a masons began to day to lay the walls of the barn — E.J. at the C.J. house making preparation to leave home to morrow, being subpoenaed to attend Court as a witness in the Case of the demolition of the Arks, I am pleased that I know nothing that will implicate anybody in the unlawful transaction

to Taunton.

3. day 24. We set off on this trip with my father in his Gig for Taunton — I being supposed to attend the Supreme Judicial Court to give information if I possessed any that would criminate the actors in the riot which resulted in the distruction of our meeting House and Smith's "Ark" — nearly 30 others were summoned in the same case took lodgings at Capt. Hall's — when saw the Attorney Genl. & Lady &c — — Cases not called before the Grand Jury to day — other Cases engaging their attention — called at Jno. T. Russell's and spent much time in the Ch. House &c. at Lodgings —

14th. day 25th — was Cited before the Grand Jury — this afternoon — but was soon dismissed — as I could give no information which could criminate any body — which was also the case with all of the others examined — I have leave to go home when I please & design leaving to morrow My father will remain to see the issue of one or two trials —

5th day 26. left Taunton about half past 6 6th Mo. Breakfasted at Sampsons in Middleborough and reached home about 4 past 11 — detained a little by the breaking of the thorough brace of my father's C's — found my family well — Called at Grandfather and Cousin Anna Rotch's — My Masons have been somewhat retarded by the wet weather — Called at Mothers: Father remains at Taunton on acct. of the pending trials of Geo. Dixon for an indictment for Assault & battery preferred by Asa Smith and — of Nathan Johnson Norris Anderson & others for an alleged riot — occasioned by a visit of a Coloured man from New York or further South whose object it was said, was to get information of run-away Slaves —

6th day 27th — Occupied most of the day at my house lot — made a further trial of my Stone breaker — the weight worked by a horse W. at home —

7th day 28th Engaged A. M. in making a further trial with my machine for breaking Stones — but not succeeding to my mind — I have concluded to abandon the project

P. M. — passed at home & at the Office
Evg. mostly at home — called to see Father
who arrived late from Taunton — the Cases
which excited his interest were postponed
to the adjournment of the Court in August
1st day 29th — Attended Meeting AM.
— an erroneous impression as to the hour of
meeting this afternoon prevented my attend-
ance — called at Fathers, Andrews
& Charles — at each of which places there
is some indisposition from severe colds
& Father not recovered from the fatigue
& exposure of his jaunt to Taunton — The
weather has been very wet & unpleasant
for the week past, — so as to have pro-
tracted to this time B & Susan's absence
on their journey to Northampton, where they
went to take Andrews boys Thos & William
— having an expectation also of finding
brother Wm who was expected to be
at Northampton with his son — & bringing
them to this place, he intending to make
a visit here before his return Home-
ward —

[Notes Continued in Diary No. 47]